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COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA BY JAPANESE TROOPS IS DEMANDED: TOKYO DELIVERS ULTIMATUM: ADM. DECOUX AND SUMITA REPORTED DISCUSSING PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF TERMS

THE BELIEF THAT EVENTS MAY DEVELOP FAIRLY QUICKLY IN THE FAR EAST MATERIALISED YESTERDAY WHEN JAPAN DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO SAIGON DEMANDING THE COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA BY JAPANESE TROOPS.

THE NEWS WAS CONTAINED IN A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ACCORDING TO A REUTER MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

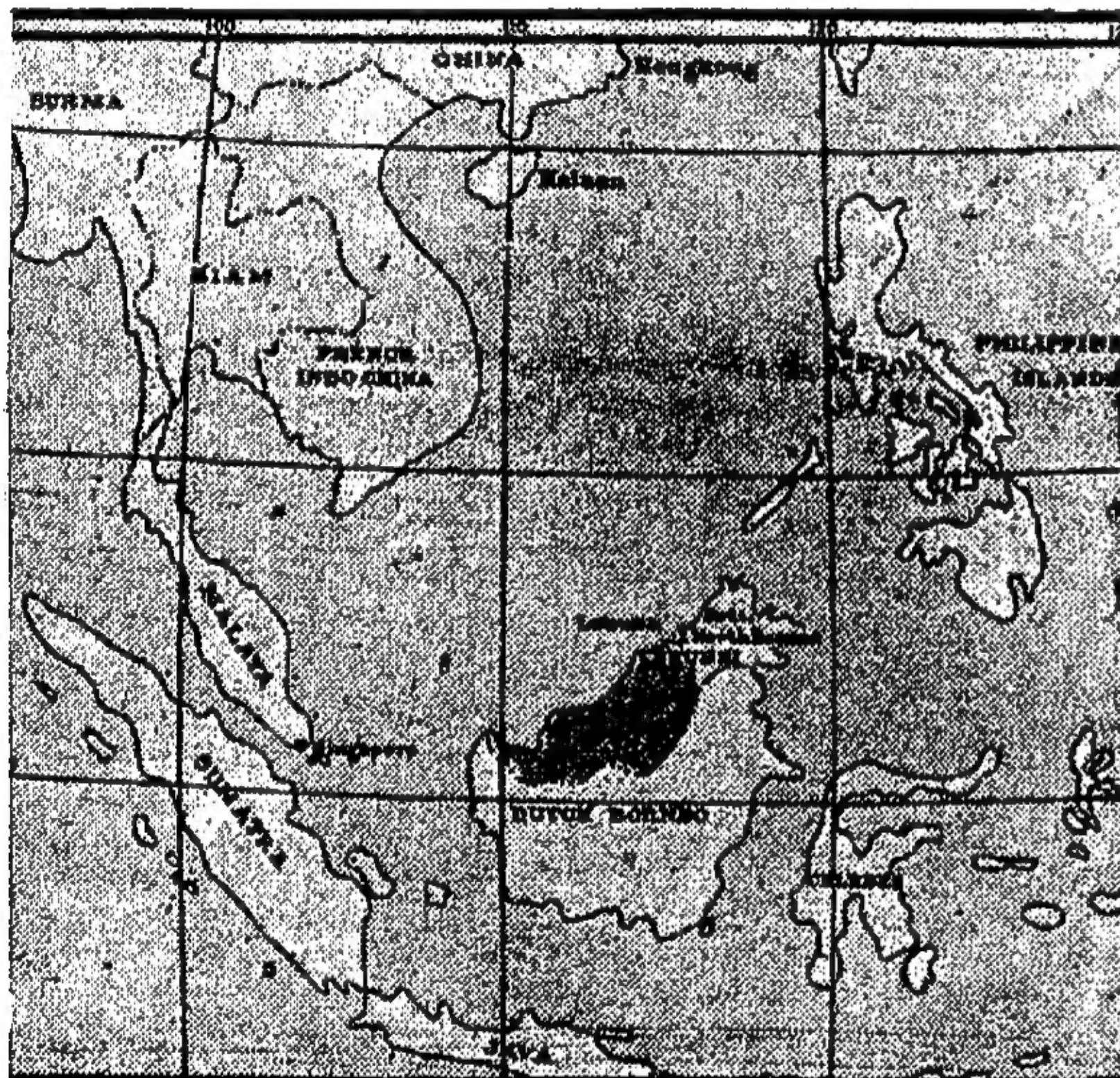
THERE IS NO INDICATION OF WHAT STEPS VICHY IS LIKELY TO TAKE IN CONNEXION WITH THE DEMANDS PRESENTED BY TOKYO.

THE ULTIMATUM IS SAID TO EXPIRE TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANOTHER REUTER REPORT FROM HANOI STATES THAT IT WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY HAD DEMANDED THE USE OF FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA.

NO DETAILS WERE DISCLOSED.

ADMIRAL DECOUX, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, AND GENERAL SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATION IN INDO-CHINA, IT IS REPORTED, ARE DISCUSSING THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE DEMANDS AND ARE MOMENTARILY AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.



His Majesty's Government, in conjunction with the Dominion Governments, especially Australia, who has large forces in Singapore, are, according to British Wireless, carefully watching the situation.

"Voluntary" cession by the Vichy Government of strategic points, which may be desired by Japan in Indo-China, has not been overlooked.

The Japanese Government, it is felt, will be mainly actuated by the desire for what it believes to be "quick returns."

It is reported from Vichy that the French Government there is likely to grant further concessions to the Japanese in Southern Indo-China, says Reuter.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday said that the British Government was aware of the persistent reports that the Japanese have made further demands for air and naval bases in Indo-China.

He added that these reports were more significant in view of the Press campaign in Japan alleging that Britain was contemplating action in Indo-China. He said that he welcomed this opportunity to state that Britain had no designs on Indo-China or Thailand.

SHIPS TO BE ARMED
The Bangkok newspaper SRIRUNG said that the Naval Authorities in the Federated Malay States have ordered all merchant ships to be armed, particularly vessels of over 5,000 tons, with anti-aircraft guns and small cannons to repulse any attacks, says a Japanese report.

The paper said that the Authorities in Malaya took this emergency step immediately following the resignation of the Japanese Cabinet last week.

Mr. Ken Tsumuri, Japanese Consul-General in SINGAPORE, interviewed, said that position in regard to the Japanese there was normal.

There was no question of Japanese residents leaving on any instructions from Tokyo. No such instructions had been received, he added.

NO DEVELOPMENTS
HANOI, July 23 (Reuter).—No further developments in the situation are apparent this morning. Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

Heavy Scale Night Bombing Being Skilfully Maintained

THE SCOPE OF BRITISH AIR OPERATIONS IS INCREASING BOTH BY DAY AND NIGHT. This was disclosed by SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY FOR AIR, in the House of Commons yesterday, says Reuter.

He added: "Our night bombing is on a heavy scale and it is being increasingly and skilfully maintained. Evidence of damage is accumulating and is published as soon as it becomes available. By day we are forcing the enemy to give battle and we are inflicting substantial damage on his factories and communications, shipping and fighter forces. What is still more important, we are compelling him to maintain large air forces in the West to resist our growing assaults."

OERLIKON GUN

LONDON, July 23 (BWS).—Many British merchant ships are now being defensively armed with Oerlikon guns.

The weapon was invented in Switzerland and fires 600 small armour-piercing shells a minute. Improved in production in Britain, this gun will add still more to the trials of U-boat crews.

"The Bomber Command dropped in May this year more than twice the tonnage of bombs dropped in May last year, and in June dropped more than half as much again as in May."

Sir Archibald had been asked when air parity with Germany would be attained and on this, he said: "I must decline to be drawn into promises, but I will gladly assure the House that no efforts

are being spared to obtain first parity with and then overwhelming superiority over the German Air Force."

STRONG PRESSURE

Asked whether British air attacks were succeeding in bringing relief to the Russians and if there were any indications of the Luftwaffe heading for the West, Sir Archibald said: "I think I had better not say what our information is about the movements of the Luftwaffe, but certainly our attacks both by day and night are bringing strong pressure to bear on the Germans and we know that they have considerable effect on the morale of the people in Germany."

Asked whether bombs dropped included those on occupied France as well as on Germany, Sir Archibald intimated that he had included all bombs dropped in his figures, and added: "The significant fact is that we dropped in June half as many again as we did in May."

Today's News Summary

JAPAN HAS PRESENTED an ultimatum demanding the complete occupation of Indo-China by Japanese troops. Admiral Decoux and General Sumita are reported to be discussing practical application of the demands. Meanwhile, a statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by the British Foreign Secretary who reiterated that Britain had no designs on Indo-China, or Thailand.

THE GROWING STRENGTH of British night bombing, which is being skilfully maintained, was revealed by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in the Commons yesterday.

FLYING THROUGH SEVERE thunderstorms, Bomber Command aircraft attacked industrial targets in Western Germany, including Frankfurt and Mannheim. Air activity over Britain was slight.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS in Japan are discussed by the Tokyo correspondent of The Times in an interesting survey written before the formation of the third Konoye Cabinet.

Rhineland Industries Attacked

LONDON, July 23 (BWS).—An Air Ministry communiqué states: "Flying through severe thunderstorms, aircraft of the Bomber Command continued the attack on enemy industries in the Rhineland last night."

"The main targets were again at Frankfurt and Mannheim."

"Several other industrial districts in Western Germany were also attacked."

"Another force of the Bomber Command attacked the docks at Dunkirk where considerable damage was done."

"Other targets, bombed during the night included docks at Rotterdam and Ostend."

"Aircraft of the Fighter Command, on night offensive patrol, again attacked a number of enemy aerodromes in Northern France."

"None of our aircraft are missing from these operations."

The establishment of a permanent Australian Secretariat in Washington to handle negotiations for trade arising out of the operation of the Lease and Lend Act is probable. Five officials are leaving this week and many others are following, says Reuter from Canberra.

JAPANESE TO MOVE AGAINST SIBERIA?

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—An early Japanese move against Siberia is believed likely by Soviet well-informed circles in Shanghai which are of opinion that should anything happen in Indo-China it would be in the nature of a smoke-screen for activities on the Manchurian border.

LORRIES COLLIDE

Chan Wah-kam, lorry driver, has reported to the Police that his vehicle collided with another lorry at the approach road in Connaught Road Central near the Vehicular Ferry Wharf about 2 p.m. yesterday.

His lorry received a dent on the left rear mudguard.

TRAM MISHAP

A woman, Chau Lai-shing, of No. 11, Nam Lee Street, ground floor, fell and was injured, as she attempted to alight from a moving tram car near Hing Lung Street on the Whitty Street-Race Course tram route. She was removed to hospital.

TAIPO ROBBERY

Robbers armed with a Mauser and an automatic revolver entered an unnumbered house at Kau Loong Hang, in Taiipo, about 9 o'clock last night, holding up a coast and naval artillery on patrol youth, Li Tat-cheung, 17, and making away with some money, clothing and jewellery. They were last seen fleeing towards Fanling. Police are investigating.

Nazis In Ceaseless Pursuit

BERLIN, July 23 (Reuter).—A German communiqué states that German, Hungarian and Slovakian troops in the Ukraine are pressing forward in ceaseless pursuit.

On the other sectors of the eastern front, encirclement and destruction of large and small Soviet groups is being continued. The enemy suffered extremely bloody losses everywhere in vain attempts to break out and in attacks to relieve the pressure.

On the Finnish front, operations are proceeding according to plan with further territorial gains.

STILL BURNING

Strong forces of the Luftwaffe last night again bombed military installations in Moscow and further serious devastations were caused by heavy bombs and many incendiaries. Fires started in the previous raid were still burning. Other attacks were on harbour works in the Humber and South-eastern England and various aerodromes. Fighters and anti-aircraft batteries shot down 11 British planes by day on the Channel. o'clock last night, holding up a coast and naval artillery on patrol youth, Li Tat-cheung, 17, and making away with some money, clothing and jewellery. They were last seen fleeing towards Fanling. Police are investigating.

British bombers dropped a small number of high explosives and incendiaries in various places in South-western Germany without any effect.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION NOT WORKING WELL IN JAPAN: ATTENTION RE-CONCENTRATED ON DRAIN CAUSED BY CHINA WAR

Prices Rising Constantly Despite 1939 Decree

THE TIMES' Tokyo correspondent, in an article published on Tuesday and written before the formation of the new Konoye Ministry, in which Mr. Matsuoka was superseded by Admiral Toyoda, says, according to Reuter:

"Recent events and speeches here have re-concentrated political attention on the condition of Japanese economy and drain caused by the China incident, and her vast defence programme."

"Neither Prince Konoye nor Government officials have made secret of the fact that production and distribution are not working as well as they should, while political and economic commentators have been free in criticism."

"The 'synthetic price' is designed to induce producers to increase the war production without excessively raising the prices of consumption goods, which might lead to inflation. The present prices are determined on the basis of the 'Price Stop' decree of September 18, 1939, which is the foundation of the low price policy and the whole rationing and distribution system."

Despite the 'Price Stop', prices have risen constantly. According to the Bank of Japan, the wholesale price index for March, calculated on the basis of 1933 levels, was 179% for Japan against 165% for Great Britain, 124% for the United States and 116% for Germany. The cost of living index for wage earners, taking into account more rigidly controlled rents, is put by the Cabinet Bureau statistics at only 140 compared with July, 1937, but all better class goods and foods have risen 100 percent and more.

STATE CONTROL FOR JAPANESE SHIPPING

TOKYO, July 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese Government is reported contemplating and placing all privately-owned ships under State control.

It is stated that the plan is under consideration, and envisages the State chartering all the vessels which will be entrusted to the shipping company for operation on the routes designated by Government with priority given to urgent State demands.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGE

Informed quarters, according to a semi-official Japanese report, charge that the United States are deliberately discriminating against Japanese vessels by preventing their passage through the Panama Canal.

Problems Of Distribution Of Food, Raw Materials Examined By Mr. Greenwood

"BY CO-OPERATION WE SHALL SURMOUNT THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE HEAVING-UP OF SURPLUSES AND AT THE SAME TIME MEET THE NEED OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS SOON AS THE WAR IS OVER. By co-operation we shall have ensured that when victory is won there will follow not chaos, but an orderly reconstruction of trade throughout the world, and that each country will have its due share of this trade and that the coming times of peace will be better times indeed."

With these words MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, M.P., a Member of the War Cabinet, and Minister in Charge of Reconstruction, discussed yesterday, in the course of a broadcast from London, the problems of the distribution of food

Empire today. "I want to speak to the people of the British Empire about one of the most far-reaching problems of the day."

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Unbeaten Mindanaoans Lose To Mohawks

Nip Lum & Mack Wong Bring Off Only Double-Killing

BY "R.O.Y."

THE FEATURE OF THE WEEK-END BASEBALL SCHEDULE WAS THE DEFEAT OF THE HITHERTO UNBEATEN MINDANAO SQUAD by the Hongkong Baseballers who, in downing the current champions, created the biggest upset of the season.

Far from being dull, as was generally expected, the South China-Royal Engineers clash on Saturday provided the fans with a spine-tingling last inning rally by the Sappers who failed by the narrowest margin possible.

The Mindanaoans started off promisingly enough against the Mohawks and ran into an early three-run lead after blanking the opposition for the first two frames but erratic hurling coupled with several bad bobbles allowed the Club to take the lead in the third stanza.

Mack Wong started off by getting a life on Rapid Robert Strahl's fumble of Tony Mascavage's peg to the initial sack, stole second and advanced to third when Oliver was tossed out by R. Wilson. Nip Lum drew a pass and Chuck Waggoner also walked to load the sacks. Denham Cray came through with a double bagger to drive home Wong and Lum after which Larry Lawrence singled to right to push Waggoner and Cray across the pan. "Bad-news" Powlawski then tightened up to fan er and Pinky Higgins to end the session.

Coming to bat for the Mindanao, Tony Mascavage singled and stroiled to second when R. M. Wilson worked Larry Lawrence for a walk. Bowersox came to the plate and slashed a liner that was headed places when Nip Lum miraculously speared the apple and tossed to Mack Wong to nail Tony Mascavage for the game's only double-killing. Kennard fled to Oliver to end the session without any damage having been done.

PRESSURE RELIEVED

The Baseballers were out in 1-2-3 order in the fourth, but the Mindanao boys threatened as Robert Strahl singled and Moore beat out a bunt. Willie Wilson slashed a hard 'un to Nip Lum for the first erasure and Hank Ruel fanned to relieve the pressure. "Ski" Powlawski walked and Tony was given a life as Nip Lum fumbled his daisy-cutter, Strahl scoring. R. Wilson grounded out to Waggoner with the count knotted at four all. Starting off in the fifth, Nip Lum singled to left and at this stage "Ski" Powlawski forsook the mound, suffering from a sore arm. Hank Ruel took over the hurling

assignment and promptly passed Chuck Waggoner. Nip Lum pilfered third and came home with the tie-breaker when Kennard muffed Cray's lazy fly to right. Lawrence fled out to Kennard for the first out. Waggoner scoring after the catch. Elder walked and stole second and Pinky Higgins was tossed out R. Wilson to Strahl, Cray tallying on the play, to end the scoring.

SCORELESS ENDING

Neither squad could score over the last few innings although the Mindanao again threatened in the sixth when with Moore and Willie Wilson on first and second, and Ruel and "Ski" away, Larry Lawrence intentionally passed Tony Mascavage to get at R. W. Wilson who fanned the breeze for the third out.

The winners were outlit 4-9, but sound hurling by Larry Lawrence and two circus catches by Nip Lum held the champs well in check. "Ski" Powlawski sustained his first defeat of the season and may have to nurse his burning arm to get into shape again.

QUICK-FIRE START

The South China gang started like a house afire against the Royal Engineers and ran up six tallies in the first three frames, to lead 6-1, and increased their lead with markers by Kwan and Pans in the fifth. Willie Welford's Sappers scored once in the fifth, to reduce the margin slightly, but Hal Wing Lee's cellar contenders coasted into the final frame with a huge-looking six-run lead.

Opening the frantic seventh, Paul Lau erred to give Cork a life, and a wild throw by Texaco Ng put Honest Tom Fox on the bases. Bob Foley followed with a bingle to left before Taylor fled to Cecil Wing Lee for the first erasure. Welford drew a pass, pilfered second and tallied as Paul Lau unleashed a wild peg to the plate from first. Shorty Pau having taken over mound duties.

SHORT-LIVED HOPES

With the Engineers but a single marker behind, Sarsfield was tossed out Nelson Ma to Lau for the second out, but the Sappers hopes were given a flip as Cecil Wing Lee miscued on Jones' grounder through short. These hopes were short-lived though, as Jones' attempt to pilfer second failed with Hal Wing Lee's peg to Nelson Ma finishing the game with South China in proud possession of their first league points.

BASEBALL MTG.

A meeting of the Hongkong Baseball League will be held tomorrow to consider the withdrawal from the League of the H.B. nine and to re-arrange the fixtures for the rest of the season.

WAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—The London Football League Clubs, unable to accept the Football League fixtures list which necessitated long distance travelling, have decided to form a London War Football League.

The Football Association will be asked to sanction the formation of the London League, in which 11 London clubs and five nearby clubs' members will be given a programme of 30 matches.

H.K.F.C. SOCCER SECTION MTG.

The Soccer Section of the Hongkong Football Club will hold its annual meeting on Aug. 30.

A.R.P. ORDERS

JULY 23, 1941

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A. H. B. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

MOBILIZATION

All members of the Corps with the exception of those employed on special duties are placed on leave without pay as from 0700 hours on July 23.

IDENTITY CARDS

It is felt desirable to issue every member of the Corps with an identity card and for this purpose two photographs about 2 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches in size are required. Divisional Warden should encourage their men to submit these photographs and send them in to H.Q. with Warden's name and number on the back.

DRESS

Officers of the Corps who may be attending the gala premiere of "Forty Thousand Horsesmen" at the King's Theatre on Thursday, July 24, in an official capacity, will wear Mess Kit.

STRENGTH DECREASE

The following Warden are permitted to resign: Yau-mat — 2253 (T) Nils P. C. Lomborg, 2232 Lau Hin, Shaikwan — 1325 Miss Wong Yim-king, 1327 Miss Yuen Yee-ching, 1333 Miss Yuen Yee-fong, 1334 Miss Mow Fung-sin, 1339 Lau Chung-tin, 2285 Chow Hung-see. Eastern — Deputy District Warden Chan Ping-shu of District "D", Kowloon City — 3452 Wong Lee, Shamshuipo — 3107 Miss Ching Wai-yun, S/W 1892 Miss Yau Kwan-fung.

The following Warden have been struck off the strength of the Corps:— Shamshuipo — 3658 Miss D. Lam Western — 1125 D. S/W Lau Tak-nin. The following Warden has been dismissed from the Corps:— Eastern — 3068 Cheung Sock-fun.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kowloon City — 3552 Tang Shun-che (C) to 13 Po Kong Road, 1st floor Shamshuipo — Divisional Warden E. Hinesworth to 158 The Peak (Tel. 29037). Tsimshatsui — 50 (T) D. S/W Miss P. F. Elarte (B.V.) to 3 Mind-n Avenue, Mongkok — 2010 Miss Mak Hing-chun to 184 Tung Choi Street.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Bay View — D. G/W Miss Chan Pui-yuen sick leave till August 22. Eastern — 3225 Miss Wong See-lin till October 19. Central — 434 Miss Wan Choi-fung till August 15. 1005 Kwong Yif-hang till August 15. Kowloon City — 3629 Wan Shun-ming extension till August 15. 2332 Miss Au Wai-king till October 16. Mongkok — D. S/W Miss Ho Yuk-lin till August 24. Central — 271 Miss Liu Yat-hin sick leave till September 21. Shamshuipo — 3744 D. S/W Lung Sheng-jin till September 19. 919 Li Hing till August 16. Gough Hill — D. S/W 1925 Mrs. J. J. Dupuy sick leave till August 12.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from July 23:— Bay View — G/W 2541 P. Chak, L.A.R. P.S. to be Deputy District Warden. "B".

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from July 23. Kowloon City — To be Senior Warden, 2043 R. Bon Iharra. Yau-mat — To be Deputy Senior Warden, 324 Tong Lun-seng, 2102 Ying See-choy, 3807 Jim Chun-wah.

REVERSION

Yau-mat — Deputy District Warden 2220 Kwok Kin-shing reverts to rank of Warden at his own request as from June 25. D. G/W 2199 Tam Yu-hong reverts to rank of Warden at his own request as from July 17.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE

Wardens' Class in Chinese (Syllabus "A") — C. 368, Yew Yung School, Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon. Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8.30 p.m. commencing on July 16. Lecturer — Mr. Kwan Yew-ken, L.A.R.P.S.

MEETING

Shamshuipo — There will be a meeting of District Warden on Friday, August 1, at 7 p.m. in the Yee Yik Street Dispensary.

COMPETITION

Shamshuipo Inter-District Competition for Efficiency Cup — will be held on Sunday, July 27, commencing at 8.30 a.m. Posts to be manned at 8.20. Dress, uniform, respirator and steel helmet.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:— Chow Kau-ling, Chan Pin-lap, Chan Siu-hang, Li Ka-kan, Liu Kin-fan.

STRENGTH INCREASE

The following qualified as Wardens are posted to Divisions as hereunder:— Kowloon Headquarters — 1536 F. Frank, Yau-mat — 2219 J. Beland, 2233 R. Remedios, Tai Po Market — 2378 Chung Sal-cheung, 2381 Chung Yik-wong, 2712 Ip Kam-shu, 2713 Francis Kong, 2715 Ma Sal-nam, 4187 Tang Hin-hong, 4188 Ts Hing-leung.

MEETING OF H.K.C.A.A.F.

The Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation will hold its annual representatives' meeting on Thursday, July 31, when the new committee for the coming year will be elected.

BLACK-OUT SUMMONSES:

Used Same Means In L'pool But Summoned In H.K.!

Nine persons in Mongkok district appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when they were charged with breach of the Lighting Regulations during the black-out exercises held on Tuesday and fines ranging from \$1 to \$5 were imposed.

Seven persons in Yau-mat district and one in Shamshuipo district were similarly charged and fines ranging from \$5 to \$10 were imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Chu Kwok-fu, 38, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Macnamara charged with using his cigarette lighter in Saigon Street during the black-out exercises held on Monday. He was fined \$25. "Sub-Insp. T. Collins, Sgts. J. G. Whitcroft and Byrne were the prosecuting officers.

PITTER DISCHARGED

Lau Pang, 27, pitter, was discharged by Mr. Macnamara when he was charged with failing to put a suitable screen on his torchlight during the black-out on Tuesday.

Defendant stated that when he was in Liverpool, he used the same sort of torchlight during the black-out.

Ku See-chung, A.R.P. Warden, said that the torchlight was screened with two layers of a handkerchief on the outside and some paper beneath the glass.

JUNK FOLK FINED

Fines of \$15 and \$10 were imposed at the Marine Court by Cmdr. T. C. Stiff yesterday on no fewer than nine junk people charged with breaches of the black-out regulations.

11TH DEATH SENTENCE AT SESSIONS THIS YEAR

The eleventh death sentence, in the twelfth capital trial since the beginning of this year, was passed on CHAN MUK, alias Tai Luk-muk, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for the murder of Kong Wong at Ah Kung Ngam, Shaikwan, on April 25.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det.-Inspector L. R. Whant, prosecuted. Mr. Lo Tung-fan, instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, appeared for the defence.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs J. E. M. Barnes (Foreman), Au Chiu-ting, A. H. W. Ashue, Chan Ping-kuen, Ip Ping-chun, Thomas Wong and B. S. Vieira.

Mr. Williams said that both accused and deceased were employees of the Tung Yee Hing boat-building yard, and prior to April 25 there were no signs of enmity between them. They had a slight disagreement about a year ago over the alleged unequal distribution of a \$120 tip received by the deceased.

The incident, went on Mr. Williams, seemed to have weighed on accused's mind as, on the night of the murder, he was alleged to have stated to Lo Tam, an opium divan keeper, "Wong Tsai (deceased) was unfair to me and because of this I had struck him on the head with an axe. I do not know whether he is dead or dying. The earthen ware pillow was broken into pieces."

MULTIPLE INJURIES

Dr. Chen Weng-cheung, of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified that the cause of death was multiple injuries and haemorrhage.

BASKETBALL TOO SPEEDY

"Basketball has developed into a game so speedy and exhausting that it ought to be slowed down," M. Charles Mileham, University of Cincinnati athletic director, declared recently.

Following his election as president of the Ohio Physical Education Association, Mileham said he would give thorough consideration to the question of promoting changes in the present game rules. "At the end of a game coaches often find their players completely worn out," Mileham declared. "Sometimes the boys — especially those of high school age — are so exhausted they can scarcely breathe."

He offered as a possible solution a mandatory rule allowing a player to participate in only half of a game. "It would be easier on the boys if any five players were allowed to play only half a game. Then the coach would have to develop two teams." Mileham, however, pointed out that with the present "high pressure" demands on coaches for victories it was unlikely that such rule could ever be adopted.

GUILTY ON ONE COUNT

INDIAN GAOLED FOR 15 MONTHS

"You may consider yourself very fortunate that the Jury have found you guilty of only the minor charge," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, yesterday at the conclusion of the trial of Amar Singh on the charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and, alternatively, of wounding Adjit Singh on June 8.

After his Lordship had summed up the Jury, comprised of Messrs. Cyril Blake (Foreman), C. C. Ham, M. T. Tye, Tu Tze-ying, Ven Kuo-pao, A. T. Chiba and U Kiu-yin, returned a unanimous verdict of "Not guilty" on the first count, and "Guilty" on the second. Accused was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector A. E. Carey, prosecuted.

At Tuesday's hearing of the case, it was alleged by the Crown

CHINESE MAY ENTER N.E.I.

The Dutch authorities in the Netherlands East Indies have approved that Chinese returning to China from abroad via the N.E.I. may enter the country with a Chinese official certificate according to word received here from the N.E.I.

However, this applies to Chinese who must pass through the Indies on their way back home as a result of communication difficulties arising from the war only.

It is understood that the Chinese Consular Invoice Office in Hongkong has been authorised by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to issue such certificates.

that subsequent to fight between accused and Adjit Singh at No. 471, Reclamation Street, on June 8, the accused went into the kitchen and obtained therefrom a chopper with which he attacked complainant who was, at the time, outside the door of the flat.

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FORGED BANKNOTE

Three Years For Uttering

A unanimous verdict of Guilty was returned by the Jury against LEUNG SANG when he was arraigned before Mr. Justice Cressall, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a charge of uttering a forged banknote. A 5-2 majority verdict of Guilty was returned on a second count of possession.

The note was uttered at the Lee On shop in Tam Kung Road, for the purchase of a tea or milk. The Jury comprised Messrs. K. A. Nerkelman (Foreman), U Ting-doo, C. A. d'Assumpcao, Chan Kin-chuen, L. C. F. Curtis, G. Piry and Wo Woon-kin.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Accused pleaded that he did not know the banknote was a forgery. Remarking that the "offence of uttering forged banknotes is a most serious offence and must be stopped," his Lordship passed sentence of three years' hard labour.

Forthcoming Marriages

The following forthcoming weddings were announced yesterday:— Mr. Ma King-lam, merchant, residing at No. 803, Hennessy Road, and Miss Chan Siu-hing of No. 58, Lee Tung Street.

Mr. Ronald Chee-chung Ng, clerk, residing at No. 28, Jordan Road, and Miss Kwok Pun-hei of No. 11, Wei Ching Street.

Mr. Hong Hing Chiao, Chinese lawyer, of Tuck Lin Apartments, and Miss Josephine Tsang, artist, of No. 300, Prince Edward Road.

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LAWN BOWLS. — Open Pairs, M. R. Abbas and A. R. Dallah v. J. McCutcheon and C. Goward, Hongkong F.C.

MEETING. — Annual of the Hongkong Rifle Association, Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

TENNIS. — Fourth Division: C.B.A. v. A.T.C., I.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), K.I.T.C. v. J.R.C., C.R.C. v. F.C., P.O.R.C. (2) v. S.C.A.A.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

BASEBALL. — South China Athletic Association v. Chung Hwa, 2.15 p.m.; H.B.C. v. H.K.B.C., 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division: Recrelo "A" v. Recrelo "B", Craigengower v. Police R.C., Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Civil Service v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A" Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Second Division: Recrelo v. Hongkong F.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Prison O.C., Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower, Third Division: Craigengower v. Recrelo, Kowloon B.G.C. v. Indian R.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Hongkong Electric, Police R.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

BASEBALL. — U.S.S. Mindanao v. U.S.S. Tulsa, 10 a.m.

LAWN BOWLS. — Colony Open Rinks, Championship, Third Round.

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COMING EVENTS

JULY

24—Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 11.21 p.m. Low 3.19 a.m. and 5.04 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.08 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Annual General Meeting of Peak Club, 6.45 p.m.
H.K. Rifle Association Annual Meeting, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Lecture: Mr. R. Kerney on "Blitz Over London," 8.45 p.m.
H.E. to attend screening of "Forty-Thousand Horsemen" at the King's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of S.P.C.A. Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, 5 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Names of Successful Z.B.W. Broadcast Ballot, 8.30 p.m.
Ladies' Knitting Party (B.W.O.F.), Helena May Institute, 9 a.m. to noon.
25—Tides: High 10.17 a.m. & 12.03 p.m. Low 3.59 a.m. & 5.28 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.07 p.m.
China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., Annual Meeting, Union Bldg., noon.
Presentation to Right Rev. J. L. Wilson, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment First Aid, Hut No. 2, Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.
R.A.O.C. Dinner, Gloucester Hotel, Reading Room.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
26—Tides: High 11.02 a.m. & 12.38 p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. & 6.16 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.07 p.m.
V.D.M.A. Half-Day Conference at Shatin.
Lawn Bowls League, 3 p.m.
H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Rd.

KING'S THEATRE ATTRACTION

"FORTY THOUSAND HORSEMEN"

Producer Charles Chauvel for the spectacular charge sequences of "Forty Thousand Horsemen" utilized hundreds of Light Horsemen. These scenes are magnificently thrilling and this Australian film opens today at the King's Theatre.

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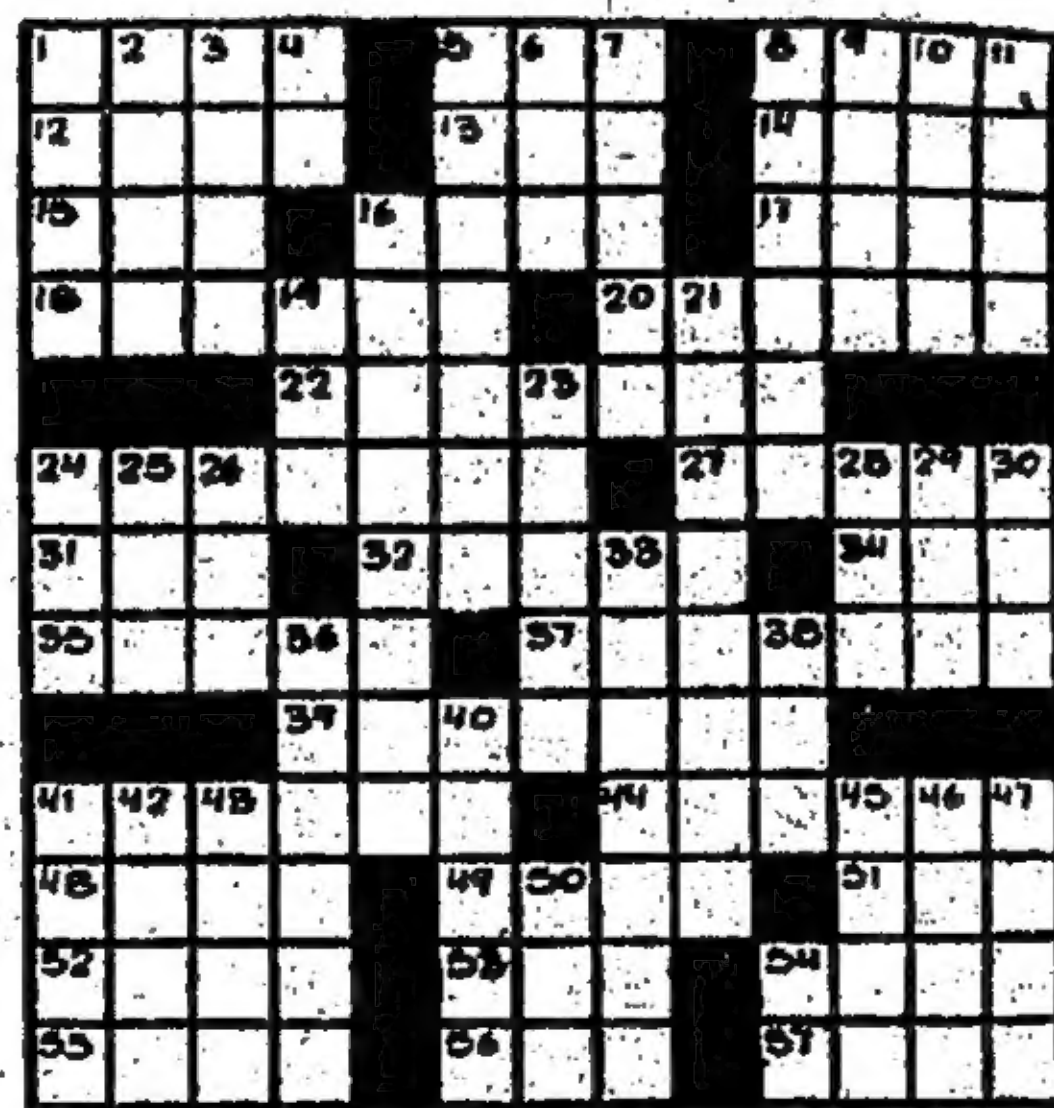
played the lead in "Idiot's Delight" throughout England and under contract to Jack Buchanan, and Betty Bryant, Sydney repertory and radio player.

During his endeavours to develop Australian production Mr. Chauvel has had an adventurous career. He visited Pitcairn Island, where he was landed in a whale boat, to secure scenes for "In the Wake of the Bounty," he took a production unit to the Barrier Reef and the Hinchinbrook Passage for "Uncharted," and penetrated deep into the Dorrigo forests for the making of "Heritage." Recently he spent several months in Hollywood at the Universal Studios.

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Local Newsletter

12.15 p.m. A Short Service of Intercession.
12.28 Mozart—Symphony No. 36 in C Major—"L'Alce."
1st Mov: Adagio—Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov: Poco Adagio; 3rd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale—(Presto)—Conclusion—The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond by Sir Thomas Beecham.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Scottish Songs.

Skye Boat Song (Old Scottish Song) (Boulton and Lawson); Will Ye No Come Back Again?—Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone) w. Orchestra. O Whistle and I'll Come To You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland—Stephen and Burnett); McLeod's Galley (Kennedy Fraser)—Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with piano.

1.15 Light Orchestral Selections.

Southern Holiday (R. Forsythe)—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with R. Forsythe at the piano. Lane Wilson Melodies—Intro: When Dull Care; Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces; The Sailor's Life: My Lovely Gail; Come, Let's Be Merry—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A "Swing" Programme.

Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar; Twelfth Street Rag—Hatchett's Swing-tette. The Sidewalks Of New York—Duke Ellington and his Famous Orch. Mind. The Handle's Hot; Dearest, I

Love You—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swing-tette. Don't Fall Asleep—Artie Shaw and His New Orchestra. I Hear Bluebirds; Rumpel-Strip-kin—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swing-tette. Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swing-tette.

2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Verdi's "Rigoletto" Act I.

Singers in order of appearance:—Dino Borgioli; Guido Uxa; Ida Mannarini; Riccardo Stracciari; Aristide Benicchi; Bullo Baronti; Eugenio Ballargio; Ernesto Domini and Mercedes Casper with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

7.42 Cello Solos.

Papillon (David Popper); Czardas (Adolphe Fischer)—Rudolf Dietzmann with piano. Kol Nidrei (Max Bruch—Op. 47)—Gasper Cassado with C. Raybould (Organ). A La Guitare (A. Nock, Op. 18)—Adolphe Frozin with Fernand Goyens (Piano).

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.
8.25 London—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Variety with Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge.

Comedian—Tap Your Toes (From film "Jack Of All Trades"—Sigler, Goodhart and Hoffman); Celebratin' (From film "Limekiln"—Woods)—Jack Hulbert. Selection—"Crazy Days" (Eyton, Carter and Mayer)—Intro: Swing Clean; Spring; Love was Born; Nice People; Stranger in a Cup of Tea; When a Fat Man Passes by; You're Not Too Bad Yourself; Do—The Shattsbury Theatre Orchestra, London. Duet—"Birdie Out of a Cage" (From film "Take My Tip")—Lerner, Goodhart and Hoffman)—Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert. Piano—"On Your Toes" Medley (Hart and Rodgers)—Intro: There's a Small Hotel; It's Got To Be Love—Vivian Ellis. Comedienne—The Wind's in the West; My Wild Cat (Both from film "Aunt Sally"—Woods)—Cicely Courtneidge.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Negro Spirituals.

No. 100 Place (Traditional Arr. Sam Manning); Help Me Fly Over The Jordan (Traditional)—Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys. Run (Negro Spiritual, Arr. Cinton)—Edna Thomas (Soprano) with piano.

9.15 Studio-Local Newsletter.

9.20 The Hungarian Gypsy Band.

Hungarian Gypsy Party (Czardas Selection); The Magic Of The Hungarian Puzsita, Play Gipsy (Kalmán); Blue Forget-Me-Not (Bandfy); I'll Give You Away To God (Dr. Sander Jeno).

9.45—10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 Terence Casey at the Organ.

Fifty Years of Song—Intro: Soldier's Of The King; Where Did You Get That Hat; Ta-ra-ra Boon-de-ay; After The Ball Is Over; I'll Be Lonesome; In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree; I Love A Lassie; Let's All Go Down The Strand; You Made Me Love You; A Broken Doll; Swanee; Ramona; Love Is The Sweetest Thing; In A Bird Store (Lake).

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Oh, Mama Mia (Look At The Moon); Indian Summer—Gerald and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Rainbow, Valley; Let The Curtain Come Down—Jack Payne & His Band. Swing Fox-Trot—Easy To Get; I've Found A New Baby—Bud Freeman & His Summa Cum Laude Orch. Slow Fox-Trot—I Forgot The Little Things; Quick-Step—Wanna Wrap You Up—Joe Loss and His Band. Tango—Love Letter; Letter of Farewell—Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—When I Dream Of Home; Don't You Ever Cry—Ambrose & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—I'll Remember; Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 London—"War Correspondents."

Talk by an American Journalist.

11.15 Close Down.

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Axis Recognition Of Nanking Will Not Affect British Attitude To Chungking

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Central).—After the official statement made by DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announcing the severance of China's diplomatic relationship with Germany and Italy when the Nanking puppet regime was recognised by the Governments of these two countries, the United States' Government declared that the Axis recognition of the Nanking puppet regime would not in any way change America's policy toward China.

On July 9, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, also said that the RECOGNITION OF NANKING BY THE AXIS POWERS WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO THE BRITISH POLICY IN THE FAR EAST which is based on the recognition of the Chinese Government in Chungking as the legitimate National Government of China.

Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, has been instructed to communicate officially with Foreign Minister Dr. Quo Tai-chi on July 16 regarding the British attitude toward this matter.

AMBRASSADOR'S NOTE
Sir Archibald's Note to Dr. Quo follows:

"I have the honour to inform Your Excellency my instructions from His Majesty's Principal

Dispatch Of Jap. Troops To Mongolia

WASHINGTON VIEWS ON MOVE

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—Despite reports of Japanese troop movements northwards from China in the direction of Outer Mongolia and Siberia, well-informed circles here do not believe Japan intends any immediate attack on Siberia.

It is felt she is more likely to make a move to establish herself more firmly in Indo China, to be ready for any future promising developments.

It is similarly believed that such troop-moving north is in conformity with the policy of watchful waiting in readiness to strike should Russia completely collapse before the German onslaught and should this result in the breakdown of the Russian Far Eastern Army.

Japan, however, does not appear to expect such a collapse. Only first-hand accounts of the Russian fighting to reach Washington comes from the Far East, Japanese military attaches being the only foreign military people allowed to visit the Russian front.

RED ARMY PRAISED
Their reports, it is credibly stated in Washington, reflect admiration for the manner in which the Red Army is being used, adding it holds the line as long as possible and withdraws in reasonable order and then attacks the German flanks and often the rear as well.

Japanese observers are quoted as saying these movements are "beautifully executed." While they are said to express the belief that Leningrad and Kiev will be occupied and the Germans will eventually reach Moscow, they are stated to hold the view that the bulk of the Red Army will withdraw as a fighting force to the east of the Soviet capital.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that in reply to a question in the House of Commons on July 9, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that the recognition of the Nanking Regime by the Axis Powers and their satellites will make no difference to the British policy in the Far East which is based on the recognition of the Chinese Government at Chungking as the legitimate National Government of China.

Mr. Eden added that on July 7, the Chinese people entered the 5th year of their indomitable resistance and he stated that he was happy to repeat the assurance he recently gave in the House of Commons that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom would continue to do what they could to help China to maintain her independence.

"I am instructed to assure Your Excellency that this statement has the warmest support of all parties in Parliament."

DR. QUO'S REPLY

Foreign Minister Quo's reply to Sir Archibald's Note follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note on July 16 stating that His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Anthony Eden in reply to a question in the House of Commons on July 9 declared that the recognition of the Nanking Regime by the Axis Powers and their satellites will make no difference to the British Policy in the Far East which is based on the recognition of the Chinese Government at Chungking as the legitimate National Government of China, and that Mr. Eden reiterated the assurance of the British Government that they would continue to do what they could to help China."

"In reply I have the honour to state that the Chinese Government greatly appreciate the above definite pronouncement and re-assurance on the part of the British Government which will strengthen the Chinese Government's determination to continue its resistance to aggression and further consolidate the ties of friendship subsisting between China and Great Britain."

ANGLO-CHINESE RELATIONS

Generalissimo's Cable To S'pore Governor

SINGAPORE, July 23 (Reuter).—The firm belief that the relations between Britain and China will be closer than ever before was expressed by General Chiang Kai-shek in a cable to the Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, thanking him for the hospitality shown to the Chinese Military Mission which recently toured Malaya.

General Chiang's cable reads in part: "General Shang Chen (Leader of the Mission) and his assistants benefited immensely from the visit. All the arrangements made for them were greatly appreciated. I firmly believe that the relations between our two great nations will be closer than ever before."

LONDON SYMPATHY WITH MOSCOW

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Mr. C. G. Ammon, Chairman of the London Country Council, has sent the following telegram to the Chairman of the Moscow Soviet.

"On behalf of the people of London I send sympathetic greetings to the people of Moscow in the wanton damage to their city. We share with you the hazards and dangers of these inhuman attacks. In pride of resistance we salute you. We will stand together until the end. Victory is assured."

GERMAN WAR INDUSTRIES IN FRANKFURT, MANNHEIM FOCUS OF R.A.F. ATTACKS

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Describing Monday night's raids on Germany, the Air Ministry states that a strong force of aircraft did great execution among industrial buildings in Frankfurt-on-Main and Mannheim.

An important railway yard was the focus of attack at Frankfurt, which is one of the chief commercial centres of Germany and lies at a strategic point on the great trade routes between the north and south.

The crew of one aircraft said that they saw an explosion which destroyed a large building. Many fires in the yard were reported as well.

Elsewhere in the town and especially in the neighbourhood of the main railway station, there were large and well-established fires burning in clouds of smoke.

At Mannheim, glimpses of the river led the first few of the British crews to the attack and soon there were good fires burning to guide their successors.

Industrial areas both at Mannheim and in the suburb of Ludwigshafen across the Rhine were vigorously bombed. The flash of one of the most powerful British bombs lit up an aircraft flying well above 12,000 feet.

"V" LIGHTS

Lights in the shape of "Vs" were seen by R.A.F. pilots while over France, Holland and Belgium, adds the Air Ministry.

A report to this effect by one of the British crews on their return from France was at first received with a sceptical smile by the interrogation officer. But other crews had also seen this and other "Vs" both in France and the Low Countries.

The crews said that they were not anything like the lights of aerodromes. One "V" was made by white lights enclosed in circles of red lights and another by five yellow lights in each arm. They varied between 21 and 50 feet in length but a "V" in Belgium seemed to be about 100 yards long and made continuous lines of lights.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Italy's second train smash—in three days—occurred near Naples yesterday morning, says a Rome dispatch to Vichy, when two trains collided in the station at Bales. Hitherto, 12 injured people have been dug out of the wreckage.

CAIRO, July 23 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Interior announces that there was an air raid in the Suez Canal area early yesterday morning. A few bombs were dropped, causing no casualties and only slight damage. The alarm was also sounded in other parts of the Delta.

JERUSALEM, July 23 (Reuter).—Major-General John Chrystall has been appointed Chairman of the Armistice Commission in Syria. The chief Vichy representative is General de Verdillac who was the principal Vichy delegate during the armistice negotiations.

NAIROBI, July 23 (Reuter).—General Cunningham's forces in East Africa did not exceed 20,000 infantry and 68 guns, it is officially announced, but they defeated Italian forces numbering 170,000 including 96,000 infantry and 400 guns.

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent learns that M. Zdenek Fierlinger, former Czechoslovak Minister in Moscow, has been appointed to represent Czechoslovakia in the Soviet Union as the result of an agreement by which relations between the two countries were resumed. M. Fierlinger, who is now in London, will shortly leave for Moscow.

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Authoritative quarters in Berlin state that the German Government on Monday sent a sharp note of protest to the Bolivian Government, on its behaviour to the German Minister there, states the official German news agency.

JOHANNESBURG, July 23 (Reuter).—Field-Marshal Smuts has appealed to South Africa to adopt the "V" sign as its own. "Tortured peoples of Europe," he said, "have suddenly and spontaneously accepted the 'V' as a symbol of their release from their agony. It has spread to America—everywhere, it is the expression of the people's firm confidence in our victory."



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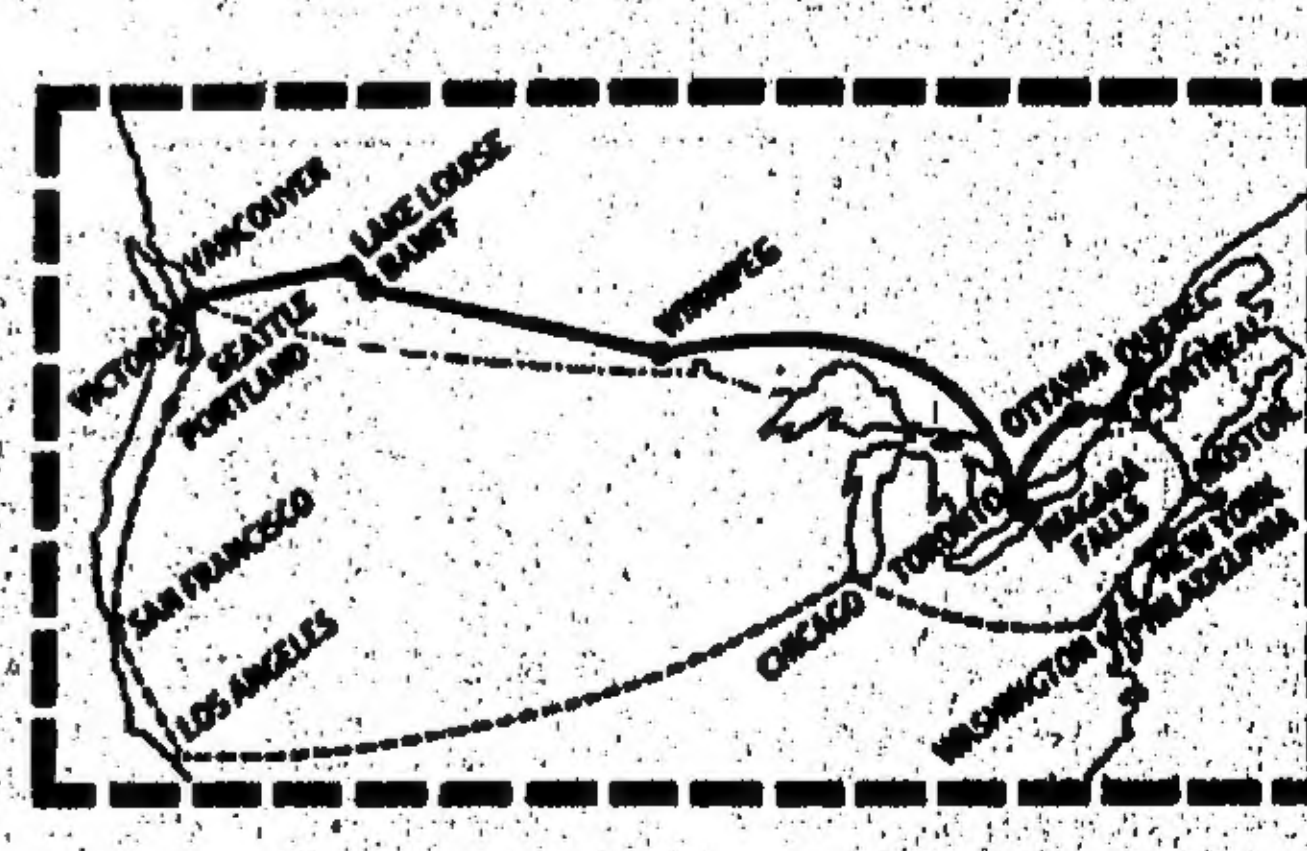
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Judge's Warning Unheeded: Seven Years' Imprisonment And "Cat" For Robbery

"THIS IS ONE OF THE WORST CASES OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE WHICH HAVE COME BEFORE ME SINCE I HAVE BEEN TO THIS COUNTRY. I ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO BUT APPARENTLY IT HAS NOT BEEN HEEDDED."

"The public must be protected from dangerous criminals like you. In addition to a prison sentence I intend to award the first and second accused the 'cat.' The third accused has been certified as unfit for corporal punishment."

With the above remarks, Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday sentenced TANG HUNG and NG TSANG to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the "cat," and Sit Ngol to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour, at the conclusion of the trial in which SIT NGOL, YAU CHOY and YUI PUI-HOM were charged with robbery by two or more.

Tang Hung and Ng Tsang, who were indicated on the same count, pleaded guilty at the call-over on Monday.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Sgt. D. G. MacPherson, prosecuted.

The jury comprised Messrs. M. A. Annett (Foreman), J. M. Hood, R. M. Vieira Ribeiro, H. J. Kerckhoff, Leung Fung, Pok Shui-ming and C. E. Tavares.

The Crown's case was that on the day in question Cheung King-yuen, assistant manager of the California-Asia Rattan Co., of No. 211, Yee Kuk Street, was in his office checking over the cash when five men entered, one of whom was Sit Ngol who was armed with a revolver.

After they had herded Cheung King-yuen and his folks inside a storeroom the intruders searched the place and took \$421.81 from the safe which was open at the time. They then left the premises.

In evidence, Cheung King-yuen stated that he definitely recognised

Sit Ngol as the man who entered first. He was armed with a revolver, as was another man, while a third held a chopper.

FROM COUNTRY

In a statement from the dock, Sit Ngol said that he knew nothing about the robbery, and that he was a businessman from the country. He came to Hongkong with some chickens for sale but on the way was robbed. It was not his intention to stay in the Colony.

Giving evidence on their own behalf, Yau Choy and Yui Pui-hom denied having taken part in the robbery. Both stated that they confessed to the crime because they were scared of being assaulted.

After a short retirement, the jury returned unanimous verdicts of guilty against Sit Ngol, and Not Guilty in the cases of Yau Choy and Yui Pui-hom.

"STAMP IT OUT"

"I have remarked already that this is a serious offence and that I shall do all that I can, and all that is within my power, to stamp it out," said Mr. Justice Cressall when Wong Kwong, Hon Cheung and Cheng Fook were arraigned on a charge of having robbed, with two others (Li King-chiu and Li Shu-shun, who had previously pleaded guilty to the charge), Lo Lai-chan at No. 9, Thomson Road, second floor, of a quantity of jewellery and money on April 29.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Insp. F. W. Fowle, prosecuted. The jury empanelled comprised Messrs. G. E. C. van Wylick (Foreman), Wang Chi-hsin, H. V. Pemble, A. Lock, J. M. Abraham, E. M. Alves and M. A. Udharam.

About 1 a.m., on April 29, two men called at the house of complainant, who was a prostitute. One of them, the third accused, stayed the night. When complainant woke up later she found three men in her room. After asking the amah for the key, they proceeded to bind the complainant and amah and ransacked the premises.

BEATING, ALLEGED

In evidence, first accused stated that he was serving food at the Queen Mary Hospital at the time the incident was alleged to have occurred. He confessed because he was beaten by the Police. Second accused claimed that he was forced to confess, while the third defendant stated that the woman brought the false accusation against him because he owed her \$12.25.

After a retirement of 10 minutes, the jury brought in a unanimous verdict of Not Guilty against the first accused; a 6-1 majority of Not Guilty against the second; and a unanimous verdict of Guilty against the third.

Li King-chiu and Li Shu-shun were then brought up for sentence. Remarking that the Court would always take into consideration pleas of Guilty returned by accused persons, his Lordship passed sentence of two years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the "cat," on Cheng Fook who was sentenced to three years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the "cat."

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 17 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns issued for the week ending, on July 19.

Urban Areas:—

King's Park—1,381 against 1,362 on July 12.

Ma Tau Chung—2,137 against 2,138 on July 12.

North Point—1,597 against 1,597 on July 12.

Morrison Hill—610 against 613 on July 12.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):—

Tai Hang—2,542 against 2,543 on July 12.

Ngau Tau Kok—761 against 751 on July 12.

Rural Areas:—

Kwai Tin—2,404 against 2,423 on July 12.

Fanning Children's Camp—307 against 308 on July 12.

Total—11,737 against 11,740 on July 12.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

SENT TO PRISON

An electrician, Kam Kai-ming, 24, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on a count of embezzlement of \$15.75.

According to Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, defendant collected the money on behalf of Arthur Ho, manager of a radio shop at No. 41, Queen's Road Central, on July 8, from a customer and spent it.

UNREGISTERED FACTORIES

The managers of two wooden box factories were fined \$10 each by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for running unregistered factories.

Defendants were the Tung Chan, factory of Nos. 304-6, Electric Road, ground floor, and the Sang Cheong factory of No. 202, Electric Road, ground floor.

It was stated that both defendants had already applied for registration and it was a only technical offence on their part for running their factories immaturely.

THEFT OF RIVETS

Charged with larceny of 5 1/4 pounds of rivets, valued at \$2.62 from the Talkoo Docks on July 22, Wong Fat, 26, dock coolie, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Sgt. Simpson said that the articles were found tied to both of defendant's legs during a routine search at the gate.

A boiler, Yu Yui, 18, pleaded guilty to stealing 4 1/2 pounds and was remanded until today for verification of his fingerprints.

POSSESSIONS OF WARD

For failing to give notice of the possession of two wards, Chau Chu, 10, and Chau Nui, 7, both girls, a 31-year-old woman, Yam So, of No. 345, Queen's Road West, was fined a total of \$40 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of the S. C. A., said that the girls were bought by defendant in Canton, one for \$2 and the other for \$32, and brought into the Colony in December, 1938.

FIREWOOD PROFITEER

Another firewood profiteer was fined \$1,000 or one month's hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for selling firewood at a price in excess of the Government fixed rate.

The man was Yiu Pui, of the Tung Yuen firewood shop, No. 26, Chang Sau Street West, ground floor, who was alleged to have sold to a cook 64 catties of split firewood at \$2 on July 8. He admitted the offence.

Sgt. F. Roberts prosecuted.

ASSAULTED WOMAN

A 68-year-old married woman, Lam King, with her head swathed in heavy bandages as a result of injuries inflicted with an iron bar appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday as complainant in a case in which Wu Yuk-hung, 24, shop foh, was charged with having assaulted her at the first floor of No. 187, Queen's Road West on July 27.

Sgt. G. Davies prosecuted. Defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour.

MONEY CHANGER FINED

For failing to keep the grille door of his money changing counter locked during business hours on July 5, Wong Wang, of the Kai Cheung money changer shop, No. 123, Connaught Road Central, was fined \$5 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

In fining defendant, the Magistrate remarked that it was a temptation to some people for committing crime.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson prosecuted.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Two unemployed were sent for trial on a count of armed robbery by two or more by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday, when committal proceedings were concluded.

Defendants were Wan Luen, 21, playing cards with the two when Leung Ming, alias Yeung Pak, alias Young Man-fai, 26, who were accused of together with another not in custody, having robbed a marine hawk, Li Kwan, of No. 16, Eastern Street, second floor, of a purse containing \$1.85 on the roof of No. 610, Queen's Road West on June 13.

Det. Sub-Ins. C. T. Byron was in charge of the case.

UNMANIFESTED CARGO

Charged with a breach of the Defended Regulations by bringing into the Colony articles not manifested, Lam Sing, 30, unemployed, was fined \$50 by Mr. G. T. Lowry.

Prosecuting, Senior Revenue Sten were found two packets of Officer W. V. Ahern said that defendant was searched at the silver coins to the total value of O. S. K. Wharf, Connaught \$500, all being unmanifested.

AT KOWLOON

BLACK-OUT INCIDENT

Li Fat, 22, and Yip Hung, 26, both unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday when they were charged with demanding \$2 with menaces from Ho So, 32, married woman, at No. 137 Temple Street, on July 21.

Det.-Sgt. R. MacVey, prosecuting, said that accused went to the above address during the black-out and told Ho that a light was showing in her house and would therefore make a report. They however, demanded \$2 from her if the incident was to be hushed up.

Both accused pleaded guilty and the first was sentenced to three months' hard labour and the second to four months.

FACTORY MGRS. FINED

The manager of the Li Yuen Knitting Factory, No. 7A Yen Chow Street, was summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday, for allowing seven women to be employed at the above address on June 26 at 6 a.m. which is contrary to the Factory Regulations and was fined \$100.

The manager of the Lee Kwong Knitting Co., No. 83, Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was similarly summoned for allowing eight women to work at the above address on the same day at 5 a.m. and fined \$100.

Mr. Ng Sui-tong, Factory Inspector, prosecuted in both summonses.

HEARING FIXED

Further hearing was fixed by Mr. Anderson for Aug. 2 in the case in which Cheung For-kin, 31, master of junk No. TS401H is charged with larceny by bailee of 200 bean cakes, 12 asses cigarettes and 60 bags of fertilizer, property of the Mee Tung Firm, of No. 199 Wing Lok Street West, on Mar. 27.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, assisted by Det.-Sgt. Bethell, prosecuted, while Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho represented accused.

The prosecution alleged that the accused sold the cargo but made a false report to the Police that his junk was attacked by a Japanese gunboat.

EVASION OF FARE

Chan Fat-ki, 32, was fined \$25 by Mr. Anderson yesterday when he was charged with avoiding payment of fare on a bus travelling from Kowloon City to Star Ferry on July 22.

It was stated that at 11.05 a.m. on the day in question, accused, who was on a Route No. 3 bus, was asked to pay his fare by the conductor, but he nodded his head, indicating that he had a ticket. When asked to produce it

he failed to do so and was arrested.

Sub-Ins. Medgwick prosecuted.

D. O. SOUTH

BOUND OVER

Liu Lin-cheung was bound over in the sum of \$50 for one year when he pleaded guilty before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday to the charge of larceny of one pair of trousers from an unnumbered hut at Chung On Street, Tsun Wan, on July 14.

Hotel Assault Sequel: Two Men Acquitted

A unanimous verdict of Not Guilty was returned by the jury when HO KEE and YUI MAN were arraigned before Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on the indictment of having assaulted, with intent to rob, Lau Sau-king, alias Lo Ming, an escort girl of the Hung Sing Export Bureau, at the Empress Hotel, Connaught Road Central, on May 27.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Insp. J. O'Donovan, prosecuted.

The jury empanelled—were Messrs. A. C. Venshou, (Foreman), E. M. de L. Soares, Ho Ging-guey, Pang Shiu-kyong, Paul Tong, and Hudson and Maurice Cohen.

Outlining the Crown case, Mr. Murphy said that shortly after midnight on the morning of May 27 complainant, who was employed by "one of the so-called escort bureaux," was summoned by telephone to the Empress Hotel.

On arriving there she was introduced by Ho Kee to the second accused. She stayed there until shortly after 2 a.m., talking and playing cards with the two when she said that she would be leaving and asked to be paid off.

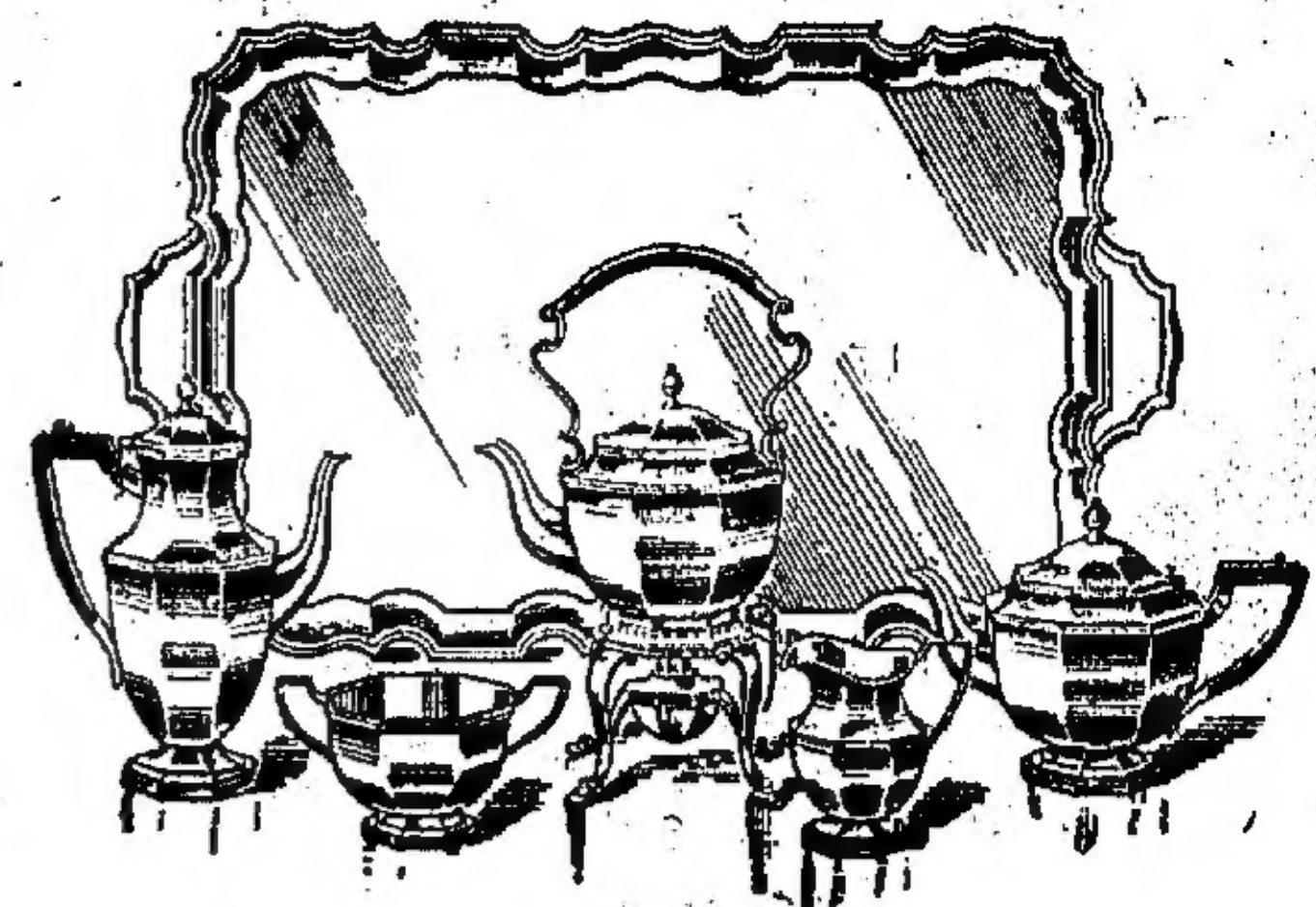
THREW TOWEL

She was then asked by both accused to stay a little longer after which the men would take her out for "morning tea." The second accused then went behind the girl and began to wash his face. When complainant again refused to stay, Yui Man threw the face-towel at her face and followed up by pressing the towel against her.

First accused caught hold of the towel and began to pull it away from the girl's face. The girl then

Similar evidence was given by second accused who admitted having put the towel over the girl's face to prevent her shouting.

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MEDICINAL DRINK ISSUE SETTLED

Two Women Are Cautioned

The question of whether a certain popular Chinese drink was solely a medicinal drink or something also to be consumed as food, which formed the issue in a case in which two women were summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon for keeping unlicensed eating houses, was decided at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when both defendants were convicted and cautioned.

Defendants were Ng Hee-chun, of No. 1, Cross Street, ground floor, and Chan Yuet-ho, of No. 20, Spring Garden Lane, ground floor. They were alleged to have sold "Kot Choy Soup," "Fuk Ling Soup" at their premises without licences on June 23.

Both defendants were represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution alleged that the ingredients of the soup sold by defendants consisted of, besides medicinal herbs, bean curd, dates, sugar cane and fish, which made it come under the category of food.

HEALING PROPERTIES

Mr. Lo suggested that according to the Chinese viewpoint, the first kind of soup had certain healing properties, such as to relieve constipation, headache, fever, etc., while the last two had a laxative quality.

Called by the defence to give evidence yesterday, Pun Si-hin, Chinese herbalist at the Tung Wah Hospital and chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Herbalists' Association, deposed that all three kinds of soup could not be consumed as food, since they could affect one's health if improperly taken.

Remarking that if bean curd, dates, sugar cane and fish were used in the soup as the prosecution had alleged, then it could be constituted as food under the Food Ordinance, the Magistrate registered a conviction against both defendants.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on July 22:—

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NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941, and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The above-mentioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd July, 1941.

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SOLDIER
INJURED

A European soldier, driving Military motorcycle No. 257, was slightly injured in a collision with private motor car No. 245 in Chung Hum Kok Road about 300 yards from Island Road at 4.05 p.m. yesterday.

A report of the accident was made to the police by Cheung Wah-sang, driver of the car. Cheung stated that the front mud-guard of his car was dented, as were the handlebars and starting gear of the motorcycle.

The soldier fell off the cycle and sustained a slight injury to the knee.

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BLESSED RELIEF

THOUSANDS—nay, tens of thousands—of people in Hongkong, rich and poor alike, must have sighed with relief to know that the black-out exercises conducted by the A.R.P. Department were curtailed after two nights and that the threat to continue these antics for a week has been abandoned. No one denies that the A.R.P. Department, with its huge personnel of wardens, sub-wardens and sub-sub-wardens, not to speak of the "higher-ups," must occasionally furnish proof to justify its existence and the tremendous expenditure that the Colony is bearing on its account, but for lack of consideration and foresight in selecting the moment for this public demonstration of its effectiveness and efficiency (?), the A.R.P. authorities will take a lot of beating. And so it came to pass, that in the most grueling period of the summer, and when humidity and temperatures (and tempers!) were at their peak, the populace of this Colony were confined to their homes from the fall of night to the dawn of day and faced with two alternatives—either to cover up every window and crevice which permitted light and air to enter their homes or to turn off every light in the house, open doors and windows and remain in total darkness until the shining morn came peeping over the horizon!

TWO nights of misery and extreme discomfort for the Colony's perspiring thousands passed like two years, while A.R.P. wardens, both males and females of the species, sauntered through the streets, tin hats elegantly slung over their shoulders, lest wearing them would ruffle delicately brushed coiffures, complete with blue-lit torches, shouting out orders whenever a crevice of light appeared from some dwelling, and apparently thoroughly enjoying a paid-for picnic. Nothing more remote from A.R.P. duties under wartime conditions could be imagined and even when a fire-fighting squad turned out to put out a small fire, they took half an hour over the job, with the result that the efficiency of the methods employed fell far below required standards. Generally speaking, therefore, the black-out exercises were considered a failure. It is impossible to restrain the Chinese flat-dweller, after a couple of hours sweating in the darkness of his home, from coming out on to the balcony or going up on the roof and striking a match to see just how dark it is, though, in the event of an actual air raid, with bombs falling thick and fast, he will surely exercise the greatest precautions to see that even his teeth and the whites of his eyes do not show in the darkness!

BLACK-OUT exercises of the future—and we admit that these must be held, if only to keep the A.R.P. army in trim—must be limited in duration and might be broken into periods of two or

MODERN DEMOCRACY WILL GO
MARCHING ON: TIMELY TALK
BY SIR A. CLARK KERRGeneral Wu Te-chen On
Two Opposing Camps

"Modern democracy is not old and outworn. It is in its adolescence. It still has a long road to follow. IT WILL GO MARCHING ON."

"To denounce freedom and glorify oppression, to hate peace and to praise war, to renounce truth and to worship lies. . . It is because these things constitute the negation of civilisation that, if civilisation is to survive, THE NAZIS MUST BE BEATEN."

Thus declared SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, in a recent speech before the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association in Chungking.

The distinguished speaker was introduced by GENERAL WU TE-CHEN, President of the Association, who said: "Today the world is divided into two opposing camps of Democracy and Totalitarianism. Democracy upholds the ideals of liberty, while Totalitarianism aims at the enslavement of mankind."

BY TRADITION

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"Today, with the introduction by the Government of a new system of hsein or district self-government, the foundation of Democracy in China is made even more secure by adapting the best traditions of the past to modern conditions."

"The survival of Democracy in the world is a matter of paramount importance to us. We have been fighting for the past four years under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek not only for our national existence but also to uphold the cause of Democracy so that the democratic principles advocated by Dr. Sun Yat-sen may be gradually brought into effect into this country. So, the subject chosen by our distinguished speaker is of timely and absorbing interest, not only to this gathering, but also to the whole Chinese nation."

SECOND EFFORT

At the beginning of Sir Archibald's address, he revealed that the notes upon which he was working were a second effort. His first effort vanished on July 9 when "there dropped unreasonably

three hours during a night, while the "lights-on" intervals will make it possible for energetic wardens to call on offenders and warn them to take greater precautions in the next black-out period. After all, Hongkong's night-life rarely continues after 2 a.m. and from sunset to that hour judiciously spaced black-out periods might be held with more effective results. As far as fire-fighting demonstrations are concerned, these might be held in the intervals so that the public might see for itself how they are carried out and learn to co-operate to the best of their ability. It will also train the fire-fighters and police to handle crowds and to clear the area of civilians. It would, moreover, give the authorities a better chance to see how the A.R.P. army works and to correct misdeeds and faults. It should teach them that more can be accomplished by kindly insistence than by peremptory and rudely-barked instructions. These are points that are put forward for the earnest consideration of the authorities from whom the tax-payer expects a like consideration, so that co-operation will be willingly given. Instead of the present grumbling and grumbling with which every decision of the A.R.P. to carry out their exercises is received.

and unaccountably from the sky something heavy, which came through the roof of my office and pulverised my writing table and, with the writing table, the record of the reflections I had made upon the word democracy. In what I have called an atmosphere of comparative peace and quiet."

Sir Archibald continued:

When he is given a word and told to make some reflections upon it—to make it the subject of an address to an audience of intelligent people, a cautious man's first care is to make sure beyond all doubt that he understands the meaning of the word that has been given to him.

When, therefore, I was given the word "Democracy" and told that I was to discourse upon it, I betook myself to the Oxford English dictionary and looked it up. Like most dictionaries, the Oxford English dictionary merely served to confirm me in my belief that I already had quite a good notion of the word's meaning.

TWO WORDS

I found, as I had thought, that it was Greek in origin and that it was a compound of the two words *sympo* (people) and *keatos* (Government). To wit: Government by the people.

It is hard to compress a reasonable discussion of a word so pregnant with meaning into some fifteen minutes, but I shall do my best.

Some ten days or so ago I attempted some notes upon the subject. This cost me some effort, because of the heat and the day to day affairs, which occupy the life of an Ambassador in Chungking. But the effort was made in an atmosphere of comparative peace and quiet.

It was however wasted, for there dropped unreasonably and unaccountably from the sky something heavy, which came through the roof of my office and pulverised my writing table and, with the writing table, the record of the reflections I had made upon the word democracy. In what I have called an atmosphere of comparative peace and quiet.

The notes upon which I am working today are, therefore, a second effort. But this second effort has not been made in an atmosphere of comparative peace and quiet. Far from it—it has been made in the midst of the dust and smoke of bombs, sweat, the hammering and clatter of workmen and the hustle and bustle of too many people in a confined space.

In these circumstances I defy anyone—even Mr. Winston Churchill or Dr. Quo Tai-chi—to do justice to so splendid a word as democracy. And I must beg you, therefore, to lend me all your indulgence if it appears to be inadequate to you as I appear to be myself.

HIGHEST IDEALS

I do not propose to review, more than extremely briefly, the history of the growth of democracy through the ages. It is enough to say that it has been one of the highest ideals of the same and reasonable man—the man of good heart—since time began. It has burned in his soul with a steady and unquenchable flame.

I fancy that we can find the first glimmering of this flame far back in Jewish history or Jewish mythology, whichever you care to call it—in the book of Judges. But it was no more than a glimmering.

It again pierced the darkness more than two thousand years ago when, in ancient Athens, it shone with a passing, but exquisite brightness, only to be stifled back into darkness.

But the flame was not extinguished. It smouldered on in

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Yours faithfully,
P. S. CASSIDY,
Acting President, Y.M.C.A.

the souls of men, who hugged it and kept it alight.

In England we see it making a brave spurt of sparks in 1215, in the shape of the Magna Carta. There were numberless people to stamp upon the sparks, but they stamped in vain. Through the centuries the flame flickered on, passing, as it were, from the soul of one man to the soul of another; until in 1649, in England, it burst into a new and beautiful brightness, when the Levellers, for so they were called, brought forward their resolution in the English House of Commons: "That the people—under God—are the original of all just power."

But this brightness was quickly blacked-out by the heavy boots of Cromwell—the father of all totalitarians. And darkness fell upon us again—the darkness of Government by right of birth, by right of wealth, Government by strong men or priests or kings or soldiers.

FLAME BURNED ON

But still the flame burned on, until, the eighteenth century in Britain, we find it fanned into a new brightness, which now no man—priest or king or soldier—dared to check. Then suddenly, some 170 years ago, it flared into a blaze of glory. Not in Britain, the mother country, but over the water in one of her colonies, where her sons and daughters revolted against the tyranny of a foolish and ill-advised monarch, who was attempting to do in a colony what he did not dare to do at home.

I refer to the American Revolution, whose leaders may be said to have been the fathers of modern democracy.

They set forth their ideals in a document which is immortal—the finest sentiments expressed in the finest English prose.

May I remind you of it "We hold these truths to be self-evident."

That all men are created equal: that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights; that among these rights are Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just rights from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

The ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence were echoed in the opening clauses of the Declaration of Rights of Man which sprang from the explosive emotions of the French Revolution some years later.

SLOWLY AND PEACEFULLY

They were to be achieved by the leaders of the new strident and healthy democratic movement in Britain where evolution was playing its part of Revolution; for in

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BBC 'BRAINS TRUST'



The photograph shows (left to right front row): Dr. Julian Huxley; C.E.M. Joad; Commander A.B. Campbell; (back row): Howard Thomas (who with Douglas Cleverdon presents the programme); E.M. Delafield, novelist; Gerald Barry, newspaper Editor; and Donald McCullough, Question Master.

EFFECTIVE & NUMERICAL
STRENGTH OF R.A.F. NOW
JOINED, SAYS AIR EXPERT

"To put up a complete defence, an air force must be much larger than that which attacks it," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., D.F.C., the well-known authority on aviation, when he broadcast from London on Tuesday on some of the problems that face a defending air force, and discussed the increasing effective strength of the R.A.F.

Major Stewart declared that in all his talks to date he had not touched on the aspect of effective strength, because he felt that any comments which might tend to feed optimism would be dangerous. It was now clear, however, that the effective strength of the R.A.F. had been steadily increased.

INCREASING STRENGTH

"We know that the strength of the R.A.F. is being built up with more men and machines," said Major Stewart, "but to put up a complete defence, an air force must be much larger than that which attacks it."

"Take for example the case of five main centres of industry having to be defended. That means that the defending forces have to be divided up into five parts. Most countries have at least five such places widely scattered and each of these points must be ready to go into action very quickly as the raiding air force is reported to be on its way.

"So the defending air force must be ready at any one of these vital points to bear the full brunt of the enemy's attacking formations. If, therefore, you want to defend your five vital centres with full effect, the air force you will want must be five times as strong as the attacking force."

GREATER SPEED

Major Stewart declared that that sort of argument did not, of course, apply to sea or land warfare, but it did apply to the air because of the enormously greater speed. The defenders had no time to rebuild themselves and the defence in that case was faced with many handicaps.

"It is amazing when one works out the theoretical possibilities of last summer, that the R.A.F. put up such a strong defence," continued Major Stewart. "Still, logic says that the strength of the R.A.F. was not being used to the best advantage."

"One of the maxima of military theorists is concerned with the diminishing returns of the Air offensive, but that does not apply to the present circumstances in the air.

"The R.A.F. has now taken the offensive and thereby it has increased its effective strength. The German air force in the west is now on the defensive and is, therefore, weaker than it has ever been before. So the numerical strength of the R.A.F. is joined at the moment to its effective strength."

MORE FAVOURABLE POSITION

"Probably our full strength is still below that of the Germans in the air and while our factories have been making tremendous efforts the Germans are no doubt doing the same. But with Germany's air force divided between two fronts, the actual position in the air is more favourable to

Britain than it has ever been in the present war.

"The effective strength of the R.A.F. has to jump to its highest point yet and the great question is, whether that effective strength is strong enough to do enough damage to the enemy in the time available. Nobody knows, how long that time will be—it depends on the German offensive against Russia and how long Russia can pin down the German air force on that front."

"In the meantime, Germany's industrial centres, harbours, ports and ships have been badly knocked about by the R.A.F.," continued Major Stewart. "But for their campaign against Russia, the Germans assembled large stocks and have given these stocks good protection, so that however seriously the German war effort is being damaged, there will be little effect on these supplies at the moment."

BACK TO THE WEST

"We have had information during the past week or so that the Germans have brought back to the west some of their fighter squadrons with the intention of trying to reduce the R.A.F. attacks on Germany, but will not necessarily hold up the movements of the German army in the east. That momentum may last some time, but the effect of the bombing of Germany must eventually appear."

"We don't yet know whether the Russians can hold the menace of the German army long enough for our work of testing Germany's strength to make itself felt. The R.A.F. offensive, however, goes on. It has gained effective strength and is still gaining in men and machines."

"However, the campaign in the east goes, the weight of our air attack on Germany will continue to mount," concluded Major Stewart.

CANADIAN-MADE
AERIAL BOMBS

Canadian-made 500 pound aerial bombs will soon be falling upon Royal Air Force objectives in Germany. Announcement was made recently by the Department of Munitions and Supply that production of these bombs has been under way for some time in a factory in Quebec province.

Construction of the plant was begun last August and production, begun in March, already has reached gratifying proportions. The factory is expected to turn out well over 100,000 bombs annually enough to enable the R.A.F. to drop 300 bombs weighing in all 75 tons, on Germany every day in the year.

The new plant is devoted exclusively to bomb production. It has two seven-ton electric steel furnaces, specially designed moulding equipment, and batteries of lathes and other equipment for machining the bombs. The bombs are shipped to another plant to be filled with explosives, and for the assembly of components.

GERMANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST LENINGRAD, MOSCOW AND KIEV

Russian Troops Stubbornly Resisting Nazi Attempts At Encirclement Of Smolensk

MOSCOW, July 23 (Reuter).—The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau last night: "On July 22, our forces were engaged in heavy fighting in the Petrazovsk, Porhov, Smolensk and Sbitomir directions. There were no essential changes in the position of the troops on the front. The same day our aircraft brought down 87 enemy planes. We lost 14 planes.

"According to supplementary information, 22 German bombers were brought down in an attempt to make a mass raid on Moscow on the night of July 21. These losses must be considered very great under the conditions of the night raid. Scattered and demoralised by our night fighters and anti-aircraft guns, the German planes dropped most of their bombs in the woods and fields outside Moscow.

"Not a single military target was touched nor was any damage done to municipal enterprises.

"Mention should be made of the splendid service rendered by the fire brigade militia and also by the Moscow population who quickly extinguished incendiary bombs dropped on the city by individual planes which broke through and also quickly got the fires under control."

NAZIS ON RAID

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter). The first German mention of the Nazi air raid on Moscow was made early yesterday afternoon by the official news agency reporting that bomber and dive-bomber formations participated, causing great destruction.

"In a series of raids lasting from early night till dawn, the German squadrons dropped high explosives of all calibres and thousands of incendiary bombs on targets of military importance in Moscow, extensive fires being observed south of the River Moskva."

According to the report, 12 explosions were observed near the Kremlin, the Germans likening the raid to the "heaviest dealt on targets of military importance in Britain."

LAUD OPERATIONS

A German High Command communique states that breaching operations of the German Army in conjunction with their allies have divided the Soviet defence front into unco-ordinated groups. Despite tough local resistance and obstinate counter-attacks, no co-ordinated leadership of the enemy is now recognisable.

On the whole eastern front, it is stated, the defeat and annihilation of isolated groups of Soviet forces is continuing ceaselessly.

REPRISAL RAID

As a reprisal for the Bolshevik

ULTIMATUM BY JAPAN

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Now it is known the Government has returned to Hanoi as the result of representations made in Vichy on July 19 by the Japanese Ambassador, believed to be concerning the Japanese expansion in Southern Indo-China.

It is understood that the demands presented by General Sumita are considerable.

PRESS BAN BROKEN

SINGAPORE, July 23 (Reuter).—For the first time breaking the complete Press ban which has been in existence throughout French Indo-China in past weeks with regard to rumours of Japanese expansion here, the official Indo-China News Agency, ARIP, issued a cryptic bulletin last night.

The bulletin said: "Reports from London state that Japan has recently submitted to the French Government of Vichy important demands concerning Japanese expansion in South Indo-China."

The sudden publication of this bulletin was taken as a hint of a denouncement in sight, and as the first move of the Indo-China authorities to prepare the populace for it.

NO SCHEDULES

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—The Dome Agency learns that in view of the current situation, all Japanese shipping companies in Shanghai ceased the publication of their shipping schedules, effective yesterday.

The Japanese Agency recalls that British and American shipping companies are at present not publishing their schedules.

NO VISAS

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—According to the China Press, foreigners intending to go to Japan have been unable to have passports vised for the past two days, adding that it is learned no visas will be issued for the next four or five days.

No reasons are said to be given for the action, merely that it was orders from Tokyo.

Meanwhile, the paper states that foreigners who left for Japan some days ago have been placed under restrictions.

Problems Of Distribution Of Food, Raw Materials

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the war has raised," began Mr Greenwood. "International trade has been disrupted and vast quantities of food and raw materials are collecting now in various parts of the world. But time will come when many of these surplus quantities of food will be needed, and needed quickly."

"The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and others of our Statesmen have declared our solemn undertaking to release the European peoples who have been enslaved by Nazi Germany."

"Reserve stores must be built up to feed the months that will be hungry when peace comes."

Mr. Greenwood said that Britain was faced with two problems—firstly, while the war lasted they had to give all possible help to safeguard the economic life of such countries, and secondly, they had to build up reserves of strength for this purpose. Other nations, notably the United States, and the South American Republics, were themselves primary producers and Britain was assured of their warmhearted willingness to help.

SAVE SHIPPING SPACE

Mr. Greenwood went on to refer to the necessity there was to save shipping space in order to meet the needs of Britain's war efforts in the first instance. Britain's war efforts, he declared, must override all other considerations.

"On their part the people of the United Kingdom have willingly consented to forego all consumption that was not necessary. This had released much shipping space which would not have been possible if Britain continued to bring large quantities of stores to her shores from the distant parts of her Empire."

"We realise the economic strain that is being placed upon these countries and the Governments of the Dominions have shown a sympathetic understanding of all the difficulties of the food situation and of the Mother Country in particular."

"For our part, conscious of the splendid share of the Dominions in the war effort, we are determined to do all we can to help in the task of

CHINESE COUNCILLORS' FAREWELL TO GENERAL GRASSETT



Seated above (from left to right):—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Major-General A. E. Grasset, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson, R.N., Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie. Among those standing may be seen Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. M. W. Lo, Dr. S. N. Chau and Capt. R. E. T. St. John, A.D.C.—(King's Stud o).

VIRTUAL EMBARGO AGAINST BRITISH NEWS IN HANKOW

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—A VIRTUAL EMBARGO AGAINST BRITISH NEWS HAS BEEN CLAMPED DOWN IN HANKOW BY THE LOCAL JAPANESE-SPONSORED CHINESE AUTHORITIES, and both Reuter's and the British-owned CENTRAL CHINA POST are being compelled to close down.

Outwardly they have suspended activities due to strikes by Chinese staffs, but behind lies intimidation by the so-called Social Bureau of the Chinese Municipality.

Reuter's entire Chinese staff failed to report for duty since the morning of July 15, although no demands had previously been presented, and it is understood that one member of the staff was arrested by plainclothes gendarmes.

The situation took a serious turn yesterday when the apartment of Mr. H. J. Archibald, who published the Central China Post and Reuter's acting manager, was subjected to an armed raid, and according to advices received in Shanghai, it is understood that considerable damage to property resulted.

The advices state that the Japanese authorities in Hankow profess no knowledge of the perpetrators of the raid and deny all responsibility.

Production, Distribution Not Working Well

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a survey of previous figures indicates that production has been falling behind the growing demands of the China hostilities and has even begun a slump.

"Stock prices have taken a gradual downward trend, the stock index for April being 79.5 compared with 95.9 in the previous April. War industries continue to expand and employment continues at a high level though it is beginning to decrease.

"Prices of agricultural products are said to be so low that farmers do not bother to ship the produce to the city but sell it only in the black market at illegal prices and consequently food is plentiful in rural parts but scarce in cities where it must be rationed.

PRICE OF RICE

"The big problem is the growing demand for an increase in the price of rice. The present price is declared to be below the cost of production even with subsidies granted by Government.

"Until comparatively recently, rice was the standard currency in Japan and is still the staple food of the masses. What even a slight increase in its price would mean, can easily be pictured from the average earnings of Japanese workmen."

"In these circumstances, every penny counts, and any increase in the price of rice can have serious consequences. Japan has scarcely ever had political riots, but has known rice riots. It is a tribute to Japanese frugality that the Government was able to set the goal of 13,500,000,000 Yen for national savings during the current fiscal year to finance the national defence programme."

"And that goal is by no means out of sight because actual savings and deposits during the last fiscal year are put at 12,800,000,000 Yen."

FINANCIAL PROBLEM

"Nevertheless, the financial problem confronting Japan in view of the cost of the China Incident

and of increased armament defies all orthodox calculations and Japanese papers by lay great stress on the fact that Great Britain's war effort is costing the country half its national income.

"The Japanese budget passed by the Diet for the current fiscal year totals 12,875,000,000 Yen, but various supplementary budgets and special accounts are expected to bring the total expenditure to well over 20,000,000,000 Yen.

"Japan's entire national income during 1940 is put at only 25,500,000,000 Yen. But all Japanese statesmen, particularly Mr. Matsukata, have warned Great Britain and the United States not to over-estimate the drain on Japan's economy or under-estimate the resources still at her disposal."

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST JUNK MASTER

Several Chinese merchants have complained to the Police that a certain junk master, to whom had been entrusted with \$20,000 worth of their goods at Ping Chan on Monday, had acted in collusion with robbers with the result that both cargo and junk are now missing.

According to one cargo owner, Yeung Wong, the junk with a cargo of Chinese medicine, wolfram ore and wood oil on board, was met by robber sampans off Ha Fa.

The pirates went aboard and together with the master of the junk drove the crew into the sampans and sailed the junk away.

A meeting of the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held this evening at 5.30 p.m. at the Peninsula Hotel.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

The 50th anniversary of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, who welded Canada into nationhood with his vision and genius, was commemorated in Kingston when Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Hon. R. B. Hanson, Conservative leader, and many others joined in tributes to the life and work of the great statesman, who was Canada's first Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King told several thousand Canadians who had gathered here to honour the memory of Sir John A. Macdonald, that it had been Sir John's dream to see "a country of two races, merged into one nationally, governed in the well-tried ways of the British Constitution, a pride and glory to the New World."

Sir John lived to see his dream realized, said the Prime Minister, and added: "I sometimes think that the Canada of today has even surpassed the Canada of Sir John Macdonald's dream. . . . I wonder, however, if he could possibly have foreseen how rapid, with the passing of the years, would be the country's growth in extent, strength and in service to the world."

Short speeches by Senator Arthur Meighen, a former Conservative Prime Minister, and Hon. R. B. Hanson, House Opposition Leader, were parallel in theme to the Prime Minister's. Minister of Justice Ernest Lapointe gave assurance his fellow French Canadians were aware of the need for a "spirit of national brotherhood" to preserve Canada from "the great dangers we may find along our road."

After the service, Prime Minister King reviewed a parade of some 3,000 soldiers, sailors and R.M.C. cadets. Later the official party drove to suburban Caledon Cemetery, where Sir John is buried, to place wreaths on his grave.

"TOTEM DOG"

The celebrated "Totem Dog of Kitwanga" known to thousands of travellers to Jasper and the Skeena River country of Western Canada, has just had his annual tussle with the dentist. The dog is Kitwanga's guardian Indian erected on the outskirts of the village to warn evil spirits away. Each year the wooden teeth of the totem are filed, replaced if necessary, by one of the few remaining British Columbia Indians who are totem craftsmen.

Three students of the Lingnan University in Hongkong have won the National University Students Theses Contest which was held by the Ministry of Education last year. They are Chu Chin-jen, Li Pei-chin and Aw Si-ling, who majored in physics, chemistry and civil engineering respectively. They will each receive a prize of NG\$300 and a certificate of merit from the Ministry. Altogether 30 students from various colleges and universities won the contest.

Major Frank Hogg, veterinary surgeon of the Hongkong Jockey Club, has left for Australia on a holiday for two months.

The marriage took place on July 14, at Teawamutu, New Zealand, of Walter Bentley Hughes, of Shanghai to Sheila, widow of the late Dr. W. A. Johnston.

The Ottawa Exhibition will be held this year from August 18 to 22.

ENCOURAGING RESULTS

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, refused to be drawn into details when questioned in the House of Commons today on U-boat losses.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats, I can state that the results lately achieved have been encouraging."

SHANGHAI "V" WAR

SHANGHAI, July 23 (Reuter).—The "V" war has started here between British and Axis newspapers following the adoption of the letter by both parties as the symbol of victory.

The British dailies, the North China Daily News and the Noon Bulletin, carried large "Vs" on their front pages as also did the German and Italian propaganda sheets.

BRASS SHORTAGE

LONDON, July 23 (BWS).—There is evidence that Germany is suffering from a shortage of certain metals, particularly brass. German raiders, in order to secure the supplies of brass, and before a captured ship was sunk, she was stripped of all her brass-work and fittings.

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TO-DAY AT LEE THEATRE

London Sees No Significant Change In Japan's Foreign Policy

The week-end provided an opportunity for a digest of the implications of the newly-formed Konoye Cabinet. However, the watchfulness jointly maintained by London and Washington remained unrelaxed. Meanwhile, British defences in Malaya are being reinforced and the U.S. Fleet is maintained in the Pacific as precautions against eventualities.

There is firm belief in London that the new Japanese Cabinet would not necessarily entail a significant change in Japan's basic foreign policy already fixed, which belief seems to have been confirmed by the statements made by Konoye and the new Foreign Minister Admiral Toyoda. London, however, took note of Konoye's determination to carry out Japan's decided policy "boldly and swiftly."

London circles pointed out that serious trouble is definitely brewing. Therefore, the situation is calling for keen vigilance and preparedness against eventualities.

Nowhere, however, is there the faintest suggestion of talk of appeasement. The reason for this is probably found in the views on the composition of the new Konoye Cabinet. It is generally understood that its composition indicates an attempt at a compromise between the liberal and extremist factions in Japan. The compromise apparently is designed to find a more sober execution of the policy—as contrasted to Matsuoka's "head on" manner—which will extricate Japan from the morass wherein she finds herself since the outbreak of the Russo-German war but enable her to pursue independently the achievement of her war expansionist programme without risking a major collision with the democratic Powers if possible.

FIRST LEeway

London circles further pointed out that the Cabinet which is heavily weighted by the retention of War Minister Tojo and Navy Minister Okawa—notably anti-Russian—is a guarantee that the Army's and Navy's desires must get the first leeway. Mr. Matsuoka has been dropped because firstly he is objectionable to the United States and Britain and his exclusion, it is hoped, will make possible an approachment with them. Secondly, his exclusion, it was thought would patch up the internal dispute which has been

afire since his return from Berlin and Moscow. Thirdly, in the event of an attack on Russia, there would be no compunction or loss of face.

London, however, also noted that there has been no slightest hint that Konoye has been out of step with Matsuoka. Baron Hiranuma who negotiated the anti-Comintern Pact but subsequently became moderate is intended to give Konoye support against the extremists while securing the support of the moderates who dislike being put in the Fascist straight jacket by the previous Cabinet. The appointment of Mr. Ogura, head of the powerful Sumitomo banking industrial syndicate, as Finance Minister, is to open the purse-strings of the vested interests for the Treasury's needs.

Berlin's satisfaction is that the new Cabinet still regards the Tripartite Pact as the sheet anchor, but Japan's policy is not lost on London which drew the conclusion that although apparently maintaining an independent course Japan will continue to pursue the policy of expansion which must inevitably be at the expense of China and the colonies of the Powers.

DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

It is significant to note that Prime Konoye declared that the Tripartite Pact will henceforth serve not as an "automatic offensive instrument for Japan's own expansion" but as a purely defensive alliance—its avowed original purpose. This attempt to remove suspicion of Japan's intention to attack Singapore and the Dutch East Indies invariably meets with whimsical response by London circles quoting Mr. Cordell Hull that deeds speak louder than words.

It is understood that Konoye's *raison d'être* as Premier has been based on his pledge to the nation that he will settle the "China Incident." The question confronting Japan is therefore whether Japan dare she take up another major engagement while her hands are tied up in China?

Uneasiness increased during the week-end over reports of Japanese bombers circling over Saigon. Mr. Sotomatsu Kato's visit to Admiral Darlan in Vichy, and Admiral Decoux's sudden return to Hanoi. It is ironical that Vichy, professedly sincerest collaborator of the Axis, is not enjoying the protection of its overlord. Contrarily, its territory is made an object of bargaining.

London seems convinced that Japan's policy must soon move in order to pacify domestic discontent over the China war. It is believed that the Kato-Darlan talk is aimed at securing Vichy's acquiescence in Japan's occupation of South Indo-China in order to secure strategic bases for future operations southwards, yet avoiding conflict with Britain and the United States.—(Central News).

AMERICAN LOAN TO BRITAIN APPROVED

WORLD ECONOMY TO BENEFIT

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter)—Announcement of the American loan to Britain, made over the radio early yesterday morning, surprised most people but it is not expected to arouse anything but approval because it is increasingly realised by the average person that in the interests of world economy in general, America particularly, that Britain is essential as a going business concerned and that unless she can earn she cannot buy.

The spirit in evidence before the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill amongst those who opposed that Bill—that Britain should be given nothing until her investments on this side of the Atlantic are liquidated—has disappeared and the present loan is likely to assume the appearance of an act between Allied concerns which are in business with a single objective—in the destruction of Nazism.

SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENT

Amongst the few businessmen contacted early yesterday morning, the first reaction was that it is a far more sensible arrangement to lend money against such excellent collateral than ruin the market by dumping securities. In order to liquidate them for ready cash.

The removal of a huge volume of British-owned American securities from the market as loan collateral provided added stimulus to yesterday morning's rally of the New York Stock Exchange although the announcement of the loan had been anticipated for some time.

Wall Street welcomes the removal of the possibility of additional forces of liquidation which was one of the numerous threats hanging over the market in the past several months.

South China Hostilities

CHINESE TROOPS HARASS ENEMY

SHIUKWAN, July 23 (Central)—General Yu Han-mou, Commander-in-Chief of Chinese forces in Kwangtung, reported at the Weekly Memorial Service meeting on Monday morning that taking advantage of the transfer of Japanese troops from various parts of southern Kwangtung, the Chinese recently launched attacks in wide-spread areas and inflicted numerous losses on the enemy.

The Japanese troops in Canton, General Yu said, are now taking extra-precautionary measures in fear of large-scale Chinese attacks.

The Japanese in the southern sector of the Canton-Hankow Railway, General Yu further said, have been subjected to harassing raids by the Chinese who besides inflicting casualties have captured considerable war materials and important documents. Japanese defence works were also severely damaged and a number of prisoners taken.

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VETERAN ANHWEI SCHOLAR KILLED

Mr. Cha Lou-chun, veteran Chinese scholar from Anhwei and member of the National Relief Commission, was killed during the Japanese bombing of Chungking on July 19 and Mrs. Cha was wounded. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, greatly grieved over the news, has presented a gift of \$5,000 to the Cha family for the late Mr. Cha's funeral expenses and petitioned the National Government to issue a mandate of commendation.

The late Mr. Cha had a long and distinguished career. Native of Chinhsien, Anhwei, he was a Hanlin Scholar under the Manchou regime and served successively as a Taoist (Circuit) Magistrate in Kweichow, Secretary-General to the Military Governor of Anhwei, and Speaker of the Anhwei Provincial Assembly.

Following the fall of Wuhan where he resided for many years, Mr. Cha first sought refuge in Wuwei in southern Anhwei, then Kinkiang in Kiangsi and subsequently Chungking where he was made a member of the National Relief Commission.

Mr. Cha is survived by his wife and two sons. The eldest son Cha Chien was formerly acting Chancellor of the National Central University, while his second son Cha Wu is now Chief Secretary of the Shanghai Office of the Sino-British Boxer Indemnity Refund Administration.—(Central News).

Disquieting Indo-China Rumours

Drive On Burma Road Believed Imminent

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter)—There is no definite news from the Far East in authoritative quarters in London but it is significant that the disquieting rumours regarding Japanese intentions concerning Indo-China continue notwithstanding changes in the Japanese Cabinet, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

In this regard it is noteworthy that Mr. Ohashi, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, who gave Sir Robert Craigie the most categorical assurances regarding the purity of Japanese intentions in Indo-China has been relieved of his office at his own request.

CHINESE VIEWS

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Reuter)—The possibility that Japan may shortly launch a new drive in an attempt to cut the Burma Road while awaiting clarification of the international situation before deciding on a north or south expansion is being discussed here.

The present Japanese negotiations with Indo-China are probably connected with the forthcoming drive since Japan is expected to use Indo-China as the base for an attack. Chinese opinion further contends that Japan may push northward from Loosay along the rail-

SEN. WALSH WARNS AGAINST SABOTEURS

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter)—Declaring that sabotage caused a number of fires and "accidents" in naval establishments in the last 12 months, Senator Walsh, Chairman of the Naval Committee, told the Senate, whose galleries were crowded, that he was quoting confidential naval reports. He asserted that San Francisco was the headquarters of the Nazis in the United States and that the naval authorities estimated that there were 400 Nazis in the West Coast.

Advocating a measure for the establishment of a civilian protective guard for naval depots, Senator Walsh said that it would be disastrous if one of America's battleships was blown up through sabotage.

way towards Kunming or westward into Burma or both.

Japanese troop withdrawals from various fronts in China and the sighting of a Japanese convoy moving southward from Canton are attracting considerable attention here.

SUMITA MEETS DECOUX
TOKYO, July 23 (Reuter)—The head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China, Major-General Sumita, called on Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, yesterday evening for a talk lasting an hour, according to a Hanoi telegram.

Another meeting is expected today which will be the third in successive days.



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- 1 Hand Sewing Machine

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U.S. OFFER TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter).—The United States have offered to buy any strategic materials Russia might want to sell to help pay for purchases of war supplies in America, declared Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, at a Press conference yesterday.

The offer was made to M. Oumansky, Russian Ambassador, a week ago but Mr. Jones did not know when the deal was likely to go through. The only difficulty was to get the materials, particularly manganese and chromium, from Western Russia to Vladivostok and then finding ships to transport them to the United States.

NO LOAN ASKED

Mr. Jones said that the purchases would not necessarily be balanced by the equivalent amount of war materials bought in the United States as the "Russians have a good supply of cash—gold."

He added that Moscow has not asked for a loan.

WINTER GARMENT CAMPAIGN

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Central).—A total sum of \$316,478 has been raised by the Chinese Boy Scouts' Association as a result of the Winter Garment Campaign for Soldiers launched on the Double Tenth Anniversary last year.

The money has been handed over to the Winter Garment Campaign Headquarters to be used for making garments for soldiers in the coming winter.

MALAYA'S FISHING INDUSTRY GROWING FAST

BY J. P. RAJASOORIA

The increased use of ice by Malayan fishermen has resulted in abundant supplies of fresh fish reaching the local markets in recent months.

Where fresh fish caught in distant fishing grounds, and fish landed at out of the way places were previously salted or boiled, a larger percentage of fish is now being iced, following constant propaganda by the Fisheries Department among Malay and Chinese fishermen.

In spite of the fact that ever since the outbreak of war local fishermen have had to face additional hardships, sufficient fish is available in Malaya, more than 90,000 tons being landed annually, and the public are able to buy fish at fair prices.

This happy position in the fishing industry exists although fishing fields are restricted owing to certain areas being prohibited for fishing.

The cost of labour has increased, the price of nets has gone up by 300 per cent, the cost of ice is almost double, rope timber and other fishing accessories have gone up in price, yet the rise in cost of fish is not very much.

NORMALLY IN-SHORE

For the first time in their history Malay fishermen are venturing out from the in-shore fishing grounds to grounds further afield. Eighteen Malay fishermen from the Tanah Merah fishing school worked in teams from a parent vessel off the Burma coast.

Normally the Malays confine their fishing to in-shore, the Chinese to local off-shore and the Japanese in fields hundreds of miles away.

At the end of 1938 there were 13,763 Malays, 19,511 Chinese, 1,083 Japanese and 915 Indians employed in the fishing industry.

The number of Japanese fishermen has decreased. They are efficient, fishermen using powered vessels and odd equipment. They employ divers to drive fish into the nets and all the fish they catch are sold in Singapore.

Malay fishermen are distributed throughout the country but they predominate on the East Coast where the best fishing grounds are to be found.

MEET THE FLEET

There are only a few Chinese fishermen working on the East Coast, but a large number work in other parts of the country.

At Malacca is based a large fleet of Chinese drift netters. They work in the Straits of Malacca as far as the coast of Sumatra, and an even larger fleet is based on Pulo Kitam, Selangor.

Up to a few months ago the fish caught by these drift netters was either salted or dried, but now a fleet of fish "carriers" meet the main fleet out at sea and much of the catch is immediately iced and sold fresh.

Malayan mackerel (kempong) is now being canned at a factory in Penang and the canned product is already on the market. Mackerel fishing at Pangkor, Dindings, has developed to a great degree, about 40 powered boats being employed in the industry.

The fishing in this area is in the hands of Chinese and they are anxious to extend the area of their operations and are contemplating building larger boats, for their work.

The canning equipment which was at Beserah, Kuantan, was removed to Pangkor to demonstrate to the Chinese owners of the Pangkor fishing fleet the methods of canning.

Although no one could be found in Pahang to take it up even on a small scale the canning plant served a useful purpose in establishing standard methods of packing.

Mackerel caught at Pangkor amounts to about 11,000 tons annually. Previously most of the catch was salted or boiled. If boiled the fish has to reach the market quickly, and if salted the fish loses its value.

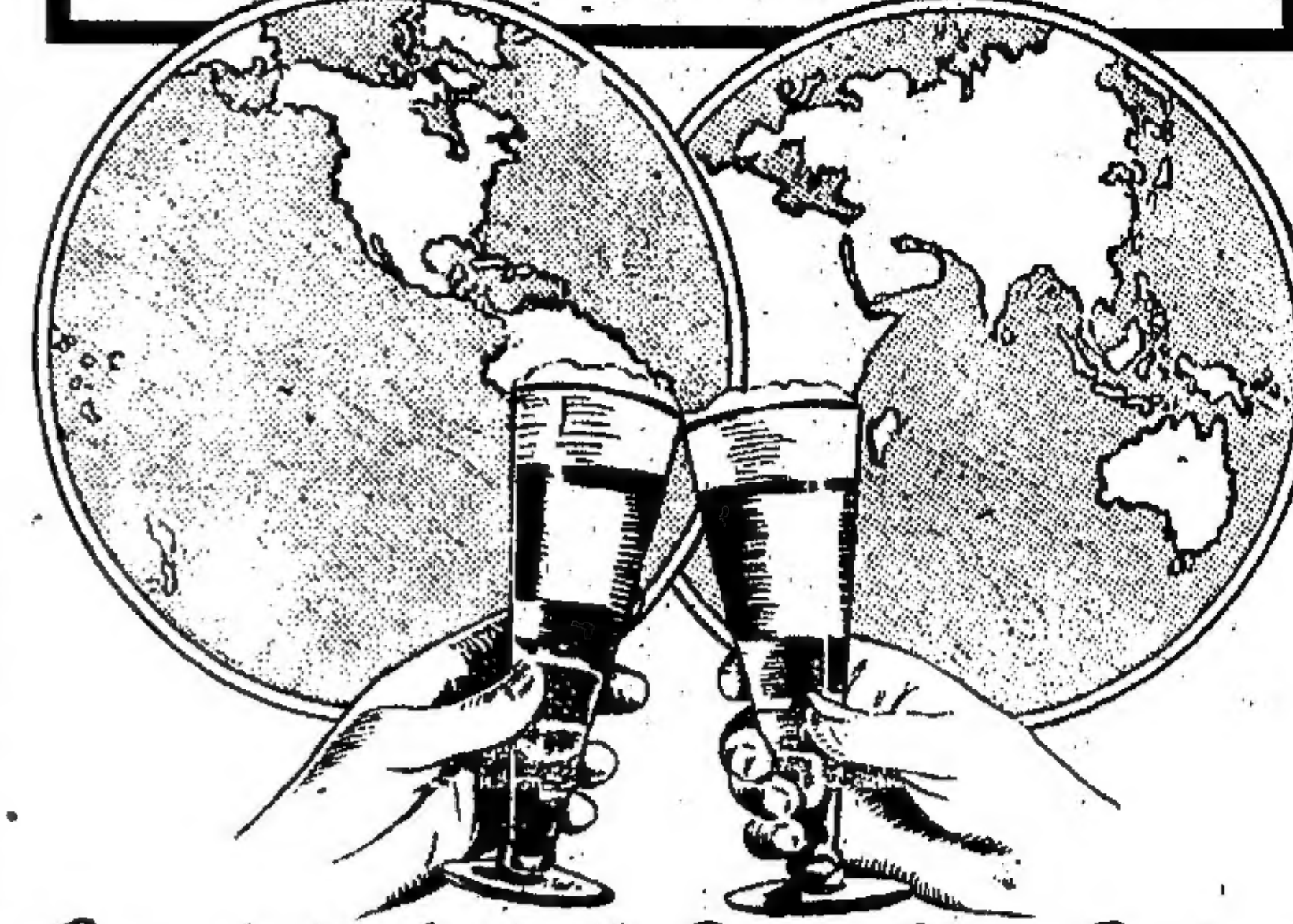
FISHING SCHOOL

Today, between 25 to 50 per cent. of the mackerel caught at Pangkor is sold packed in ice. It is part of this catch which is canned at Penang. Local mackerel is very suitable for canning but if as fresh fish it can be brought direct to local markets extensive canning will be unnecessary.

Local fishermen have been quick in adopting new ideas. They realise that freezing and icing is a great improvement on their old methods of salting and drying and does increase the food value of the fish.

In Sept. 1939 a fishing school was inaugurated at Tanah Merah to train Malay fishermen from all parts of the country in advanced

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BRITISH OIL TO JAPAN QUERIED IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. William Gallacher asked whether the oil agreement made in 1940 whereby the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company was to sell one million barrels of oil to Japan is still in operation, and he asked what are the figures of oil exports to Japan from British-owned fields in the Middle East in 1941.

Mr. Richard Law, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he was informed by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company that the contract referred to was not now in operation. Mr. Law understood that no oil exports to Japan from British-owned oil-fields in the

FINLAND UNDER PROBATION

LONDON, July 23 (Reuter).—

After careful consideration, the British Government has decided at present to maintain diplomatic relations with Finland but has left the Finnish Government in no doubt that this decision to continue may at any time be reversed in the light of events.

This announcement was made by Lord Snell in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon. Lord Snell intimated that the issue of navicerts for goods destined to Finland had ceased and that no facilities were being given for ships to proceed to Finland.

Middle East had taken place in 1941.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JULY 23, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale July 22	STOCKS	Last Sale July 22
Adams Express	7 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	28
Allegheny Steel Co.	24	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	37 1/2
Allis Chalmers	31 1/2	Standard Brands	59
Amer. Can.	90 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	19
American Cyanamid B.	40 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	44 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	2 1/2	Studebaker Com.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2	Swift International	22 1/2
Amer. Locomotive Co.	14 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Amer. Metals	19 1/2	Texas Corp.	43 1/2
Amer. Radiator	7	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	7
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	44 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12
Amer. Sugar Refining	17 1/2	Union Pacific	82 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	15 1/2	United Aircraft	41
Amer. Tobacco "B"	72 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11
Amer. Waterworks	5	United Corp.	9 1/2
Anaconda Copper	29 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pt.	23 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	30 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	16 1/2	U.S. Steel	58 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Vanadium	26 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	10 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	6 1/2
Bendix Aviation	38 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	77 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	4 1/2
Bills & Co. E.W. (com.)	17 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	16 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	27 1/2
Borg-Warner	19	Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	19 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Libby, McNeil	—
Canadian Pacific	41		
Celanese Corp.	25 1/2		
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2		
Chrysler	56 1/2		
Columbia Gas & Elec.	31		
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2		
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1		
Consolidated Edison Co.	19 1/2		
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2		
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2		
Curtis Wright (C.)	9 1/2		
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	15 1/2		
Douglas Aircraft	74 1/2		
Du Pont de Nemours	168		
Eagle Picher Lead	10		
Elec. Autolite Co.	27 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pt.	52		
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pt.	56 1/2		
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pt.	34 1/2		
Flintkote	15 1/2		
Gen. Electric	34 1/2		
Gen. Motors	38 1/2		
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2		
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2		
Goodrich (B.F.)	17 1/2		
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	19		
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2		
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	27 1/2		
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2		
Inter. Nickel	27 1/2		
Inter. Paper & Power	18 1/2		
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Ia.)	28 1/2		
Johnsmanville	68		
Kennecott Copper	39		
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	29 1/2		
Lockheed Aircraft	26 1/2		
Loew's Inc.	33 1/2		
Martin, Glen L. Co.	29 1/2		
Montgomery Ward	37		
National Aviation	6 1/2		
Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2		
National Distillers	23 1/2		
Nat. Power & Light	7		
National Supply Corp.	7 1/2		
New York Central	13 1/2		
Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2		
N. American Aviation	15		
North American Co. (New)	13 1/2		
Northern Pacific	7 1/2		
Packard Motors	23 1/2		
Paramount Pictures	12		
Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2		
Phillips Petroleum	45		
Pullman Inc.	28 1/2		
Pure Oil	10 1/2		
Radio Corp. of Am.	4		
Reading Company, Com.	17 1/2		
Remington Arms Co. Inc.	42 1/2		
Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2		
Republic Steel	20 1/2		
Reynold Tobacco "B"	33		
Schenley Distillers	13		
Shell Union Oil	15 1/2		
Socony-Vacuum Oil	10 1/2		
Southern Pacific	13 1/2		

SPECIAL WEEKLY LIST OF CLOSING STOCKS

Alasada Juneau	41	Alasada Juneau	41
American Locomotive \$7 pt.	93 1/2	American Locomotive \$7 pt.	93 1/2
Assd. Gas & Elec. 5% Pt.	4 1/2	Assd. Gas & Elec. 5% Pt.	4 1/2
Atlantic Gulf and W. Pt.	3 1/2	Atlantic Gulf and W. Pt.	3 1/2
Atlantic Refining	22 1/2	Atlantic Refining	22 1/2
Atlas Corp.	7 1/2	Atlas Corp.	7 1/2
Auburn Central Mfg. Co.	3 1/2	Auburn Central Mfg. Co.	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Corp.	9 1/2	Barber Asphalt Corp.	9 1/2
Bath Iron Works	24	Bath Iron Works	24
Bellanca Aircraft	34 1/2	Bellanca Aircraft	34 1/2
Callahan Zinc & Lead	1	Callahan Zinc & Lead	1
Case (J.I.)	79 1/2	Case (J.I.)	79 1/2
Climax Molybdenum Co.	39 1/2	Climax Molybdenum Co.	39 1/2
Ciuet Peabody	14 1/2	Ciuet Peabody	14 1/2
Commercial Solvents	10 1/2	Commercial Solvents	10 1/2
Continental Can	38 1/2	Continental Can	38 1/2
Continental Oil	26 1/2	Continental Oil	26 1/2
Corn Products Refining	53	Corn Products Refining	53
Corn Products 7% Pfd.	—	Corn Products 7% Pfd.	—
Coty Inc.	4 1/2	Coty Inc.	4 1/2
Coty Int.	2 1/2	Coty Int.	2 1/2
Curtis Wright Corp. "A"	28 1/2	Curtis Wright Corp. "A"	28 1/2
Deere Co.	25 1/2	Deere Co.	25 1/2
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	15 1/2	Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	15 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2	Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2
Gen. American Trnpts.	53 1/2	Gen. American Trnpts.	53 1/2
Gildden Co.	16 1/2	Gildden Co.	16 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	65	Goodrich \$5 pfd.	65
Great Lakes Dredge	13 1/2	Great Lakes Dredge	13 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	13	Greyhound Corp.	13
Int. Harvester	58 1/2	Int. Harvester	58 1/2
Mack Trucks Inc.	32	Mack Trucks Inc.	32
McKesson & R. \$3 pfd.	32	McKesson & R. \$3 pfd.	32
Mountain City Copper	21 1/2	Mountain City Copper	21 1/2
Nat. Gypsum	7 1/2	Nat. Gypsum	7 1/2
Nat. Lead Co.	18 1/2	Nat. Lead Co.	18 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec.	25 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	25 1/2
Pan-Acan Airways	25 1/2	Pan-Acan Airways	25 1/2
Piper Aircraft	13 1/2	Piper Aircraft	13 1/2
P'burgh Coke & Iron	43 1/2	P'burgh Coke & Iron	43 1/2
Public Service of N.J.	7 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	7 1/2
Ryan Aeronautical Co.	22 1/2	Ryan Aeronautical Co.	22 1/2
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	4	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	4
Southern Ry.	74 1/2	Southern Ry.	74 1/2
Sperry Corp.	15 1/2	Sperry Corp.	15 1/2
Standard Gas & Elec.	39 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	39 1/2
Standard Oil of Calif.	—	Standard Oil of Calif.	—
Stone & Webster	24 1/2	Stone & Webster	24 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	7 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	7 1/2
Thompson Products	37 1/2	Thompson Products	37 1/2
Tidewater Assd. Oil	30	Tidewater Assd. Oil	30
Timken Detroit Axle Co.	10 1/2	Timken Detroit Axle Co.	10 1/2
Twin City Rapids	33 1/2	Twin City Rapids	33 1/2
Un. Carbide & Carbon	20	Un. Carbide & Carbon	20
United Gas (common)	78 1/2	United Gas (common)	78 1/2
Un. Light & Pwr. "A"	2	Un. Light & Pwr. "A"	2
U.S. Ind. Alcohol	3 1/2	U.S. Ind. Alcohol	3 1/2
U.S. Realty & Imp.	29 1/2	U.S. Realty & Imp.	29 1/2
U.S. Rubber 8% pfd.	1 1/2	U.S. Rubber 8% pfd.	1 1/2
U.S. Smelt, Ref. & M.	92 1/2	U.S. Smelt, Ref. & M.	92 1/2
Y'stown Sheet & Tube	62 1/2	Y'stown Sheet & Tube	62 1/2
Royal Bank of Canada	37 1/2	Royal Bank of Canada	37 1/2
N.Y. Chic. St. Louis 6 pfd.	157	N.Y. Chic. St. Louis 6 pfd.	157

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1941	July 23, 1941.	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Change
123.00	115.30	30	Industrials	129.50	.08 up
30.54	28.04	20	Rails	30.64	30.63 30.25 30.19 .35 up
20.65	17.23	15	Utilities	18.61	18.82 18.80 18.72 .11 up
92.19	86.68	40	Bonds	91.87	91.57 91.57 .17 up
74.41	55.45	11	Commodity Index	74.41	75.00 .59 up

Business Done:—1,350,000 shares

H.K. Stock Exchange

Wednesday, July 23.

BUYERS	SELLERS
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, \$7.50.	Hotels, \$3.00.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, (1934), 94.	Lands, \$55.75.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, (1940), 94.	Trams, \$17.40.
Bank of East Asia, \$74.50.	Lights (O), \$9.10.
Canton Ins., \$225.	Electricity Rts., \$11.20.
Union Ins., \$400.	Cements, \$15.25.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$135.	
Wharves, \$90.	
Providents, \$5.80.	
Lands, \$85.	
Chinese Estates, \$101.	
Trams, \$17.25.	

SALES
Providents, \$5.90.
Humphreys, \$7.
Electricity Rts., \$11.15.
Watsons, \$10.75.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LOSING QUOTATIONS

JULY 23, 1941.

London:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months' sight
Shanghai:—	On demand 450
Singapore:—	On demand 52 3/4
Japan:—	On demand 102 1/4
India:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8
and demand 1/2 5/8	New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 5/16	Credits, 60 days' sight 26 1/16
Batavia:—	On demand 45 5/8
Paris:—	Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	Saigon:—
On demand 105 1/4	Manila:—
On demand 48 5/8	Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2	Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	Bar Silver per oz. 23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, July 23.
Silver prices were not quoted.
American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Quiet. There were sellers at 24 5/8 for near and 24 1/16 for forward, buyers at 24 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Quiet. Opened with sellers at 462 1/2 but later business was done at 462. Towards the close there were sellers at 462, buyers at 462 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3.15/64 and then rose to 3.1/4. At the close the selling rate receded to 3.15/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened at 5.5/16 and towards the close sellers were reported at 5.11/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, July 22 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
New York	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
Japan	22	22
India	17-5/8	17-5/8
Hongkong	21-1/8	21-1/8
Paris	nominal	nominal

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
July	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
Aug.	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	July	Aug.
Spot	\$5-5/16	\$5-11/32	\$5-11/32
July	\$5-5/16	\$5-11/32	\$5-11/32
Aug.	\$5-5/16	\$5-11/32	\$5-11/32

Market:—Uncertain

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, July 22 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, July 22 (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 80-0-0.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, July 22 (Reuter).
Silver—Little trade demand met from production sources. Market steady.

Spot, 23-7/16d.

Forward, 23-7/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, July 22 (Reuter).

Market—Steady. Offtake 180 bars.
Indian Mint Silver
Ready ... 83-0-0
Aug. 18 Settlement ... 83-0-0
Sept. 17 Settlement ... 83-0-0

LONDON GOLD

London, July 23 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 108/-

N.Y. COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	Prev	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Oct.	16.61	16.83	16.63	16.76	15 up
New York Rubber, Sept.	22.25	22.29	22.29	22.30	05 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104	1 up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	74 1/2	1 up

N.Y. COTTON

Closing Ranges Changes

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
Oct.	16.76/77	15 up								
Nov.	16.81/82	15 up								
Dec.	16.96/98	16 up								
Jan.	17.01/01	14 up								
Feb.	17.03/03	14 up								
Mar.	17.03/03	14 up								
Apr.	17.03/03	14 up								
May	17.03/03	14 up								
June	17.03/03	14 up								
July	17.03/03	14 up								

Monday's sales:—262,500 bales.

N.Y. RUBBER

Dec.	22.15/15	.15 up
Mar.	21.50b	.10 off
Total sales:—230 tons.		

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TRAVEL SERVICE IN WARTIME CHINA

"Travel Service in Wartime China" formed the subject of an interesting talk given by Mr. Tang Wei-pin, Vice-Director of the China Travel Service, before an audience of about 300 students at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. The talk was one of a series of lectures sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A., giving guidance to Chinese students in Hongkong desiring to return to China to study.

Mr. Tang who has more than ten years' experience in travel service revealed that the China Travel Service, the largest of its kind operated entirely by Chinese, had since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities served a total of 2,396,035 passengers, among them 1,884,000 were railway passengers, 281,000 steamship passengers, 9,600 air passengers 67,000 highway passengers and 353,000 passengers who patronised hotels and guest houses run by the China Travel Service.

The China Travel Service, according to Mr. Tang, has established 76 units, including branches, sub-offices, guest houses, and restaurants. These are situated at communication centres. Though some of the units have been closed down or evacuated owing to the war, almost an equal number of new units have been established in various parts of the interior.

NEW LINES

Referring to communications in China since the war, Mr. Tang said that though many railways and highways have fallen into enemy hands or have been destroyed by the Chinese themselves, a large number of new communication lines have been inaugurated. Thus in the southwest Kweichow, formerly an isolated and backward city, has now sprung up as an important communication centre. From Kweichow a highway now leads eastward to Changsha, measuring 1,009 kilometres, a second westward to Kunming, measuring 662 kilometres, a third northward to Chungking, measuring 488 kilometres and a fourth southward to Luchow, measuring 632 kilometres. From Kunming there is the Burma Road running to Wangting, a small town on the Yunnan-Burma Border.

From Chungking there is the Sino-Soviet International highway, passing through Chengtu, Kienlo, Ningkiang, Hanchung, Tientsin, Lanchow, Kichuan, Changchew, Wuwei, Singingia, Hami and Thwa, measuring a length of 5,270 kilometres.

The main highways in the southwest and northwest measure approximately 9,939 kilometres. Recently a new highway between Neikiang in Szechwan and Sichang in Sikong has been completed. In addition, there are a large number of main highways of shorter distances, branch highways and provincial highways.

According to Mr. Tang, railways still in operation include the Kunming-Kaiyuan section of the Yunnan Railway, measuring 350 kilometres, the Kweichow-Kwangsi Railway, measuring 166 kilometres, the Pangtangu-Kukong section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, measuring 478 kilometres, the Hunan-Kwangsi Railway, measuring 537 kilometres, the Lungnai Railway from Sian eastward to Tungkwan,

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 24 to 30 July 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thu.	24	h. m.	ft. in.
		08 37	7 4
		22 34	4 4
Fri.	25	09 17	7 5
		23 03	4 6
Sat.	26	10 12	7 5
		23 38	4 7
Sun.	27	10 46	7 3
		00 13	4 9
Mon.	28	11 34	8 9
		00 54	5 1
Tues.	29	12 27	8 4
		01 27	5 3
Wed.	30	13 24	5 6
		02 24	5 6

JAPANESE CENSORSHIP ON RADIO, CABLE COMMUNICATIONS

WASHINGTON, July 23 (Reuter)

In announcing at his Press conference yesterday that the Japanese Government had just established a censorship over radio and cable communication, President Roosevelt declined to express any view on Japanese intentions.

He refused to say whether he expected any new aggressive move by Japan in the near future, referring the question of that subject to the State Department.

When asked whether he regarded the censorship step as significant, the President replied in the affirmative, but declined to elaborate along that line.

"MAYBE....."

Just as the reporters were filing into the White House for the conference, the President's naval aide-de-camp handed President Roosevelt a copy of a despatch which had just arrived in Washington at the Navy Department, telling of the establishment of the censorship.

Afterwards, the President told the Press "Maybe, there might be new steps." Asked to amplify, he replied: "Maybe covers the situation."

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